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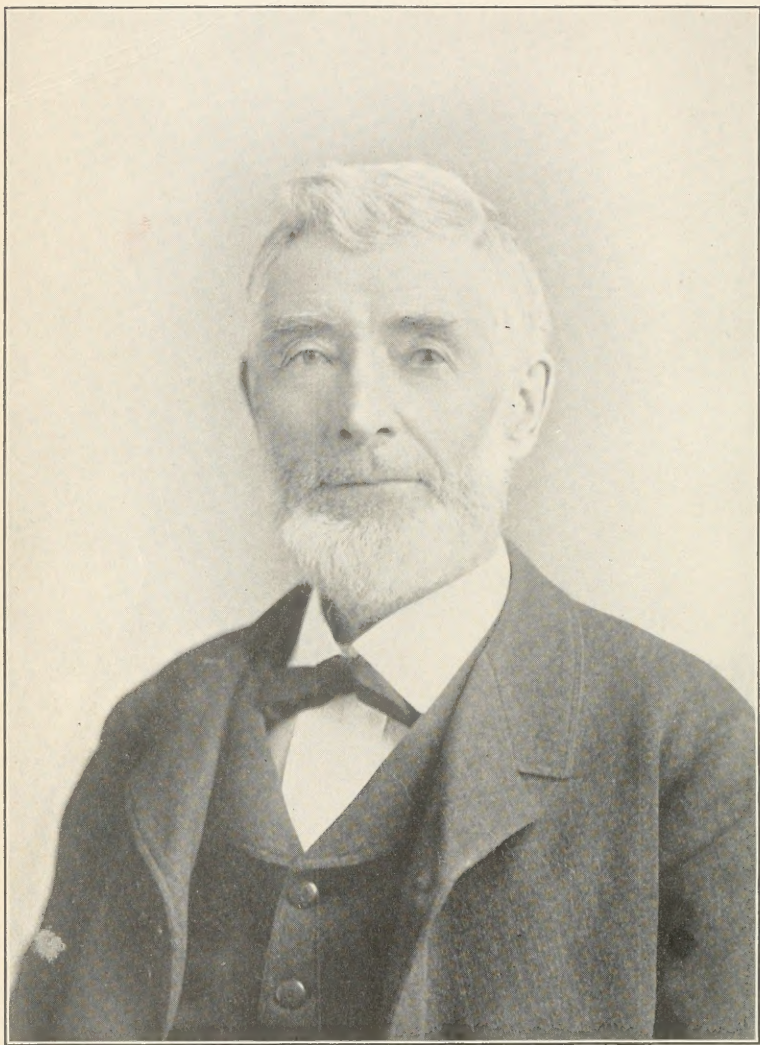
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Edward Miller

INTRODUCTION

Many hands have contributed to this history of Ryegate. In one sense General James Whitelaw, the founder of the town, was also its historian. To his journals and correspondence we owe our acquaintance with its earlier years. The towns and session records are our authorities for the events which they record. The records and personal sketches collected by Mr. George Mason during several years are a mine of information concerning its families and the events of its first century. He began about 1855 and continued during several years, the collection of such data from the oldest people of Ryegate and Barnet, hoping to publish them. But his death found the projected work not yet attempted, and the collections of years were in a fair way to be scattered and lost.

In fact they were about to be burned, when, fortunately for us, they were rescued and purchased by Mr. Edward Miller who was well qualified to complete the work for which Mr. Mason had left abundant materials. Mr. Miller knew Ryegate thoroughly. His entire life had been spent here, and under his shrewd observation had passed several generations of its people. As a school master he had known its families; as a town officer he knew its business affairs, and as a member of one of the churches he was familiar with its religious history. It was his aim and hope to prepare, as the crowning work of his life, a history of his native town. It was a labor of love with him to collect the materials for the work and to this end he devoted all the time he could spare. He published from

time to time in various newspapers of the county sketches of families and of persons which are noteworthy for their graphic style, their racy idioms, and the personal sympathy with which they are filled.

But Mr. Miller was a very busy man, and could spare but a small part of his time to the task, and failing health compelled him to relinquish the work before he had begun to arrange his collections in suitable form for publication. It was his regret, as it must be of every reader of this volume, that he had not laid everything else aside, and completed his work while he had health and strength to do it.

Mr. Miller had followed no system of arrangement, nor had he yet classified his collections, and his records and memoranda, scattered through a score of manuscript volumes, diaries, scrap-books and loose sheets of paper, presented a formidable task to the present editor. Of the historical part of his work he had not written out any, there were many families whose records he had not yet secured; and of his collections much was unavailable for the present purpose. It has been no light task to select from such a quantity of material the portions which should be used in this work, to supply omissions, to verify statements, collect additional data, and bring the whole down to date.

The full value and effect of what he accomplished historically, cannot be easily measured; but, unquestionably, without it, there would not now be published any history of the town. Unlimited use of all the Mason and Miller records was relinquished for this history by Mr. Miller's family without remuneration. Such an opportunity rarely comes, and that was a vital factor in at length securing favorable action by the town.

Others besides Mr. Miller and Mr. Mason have written about the early history of the town, but a very important part of that history was entirely lacking. No one knew anything about the relations between the managers of

the Company in Scotland and their agents in Ryegate subsequent to the purchase of the south half of the town by Whitelaw and Allan, and there seemed no way of supplying the deficiency. But the unexpected discovery by the editor among the Whitelaw papers of the original correspondence between Mr. Whitelaw and the officers of the Company, the original Journal of Proceedings, the account books and much other important matter, more than supplied what was lacking, but greatly increased the labor of preparation. The Henderson papers also gave much needed information, some manuscripts owned by the Vt. Historical Society, and the Johnson papers at Newbury add to our knowledge of early days.

Apparently no one knew or even as yet suspected that all this material existed. Few towns have such a mine of information waiting to be explored as Ryegate had. The editor's task has been one of selection, rejection and condensation. It was at first supposed that the historical part of the work would be covered in a hundred pages. But all this additional matter rendered double that space necessary, and more than doubled the labor of preparing it.

The call for data to complete the volume brought forth an immense amount of new material, and hundreds of persons, both in Ryegate and wherever Ryegate people have gone have most gladly lent their aid to the work which should preserve the memory of the sons and daughters of the town. It has been no small task to condense the proffered data within the limits of a single volume.

The glory of Ryegate is in the men and women whom it has produced or who have descended from its early families. A sturdy race were those Scotchmen in Yankee-land who subdued the wilderness, covered the hills with fruitful farms and planted there the church and the school. Many of their children have scattered to distant states. But they have carried with them the principles which they were

taught in the family and the Sabbath ministrations. The group of Scotch Presbyterian churches in this part of New England has spread far and wide the truths handed down from the days of the reformation in Scotland. In Barnet Rev. David Goodwillie and his son and successor filled the pulpit of the Associate church for the long period of seventy-four years, and their influence will be felt for a century to come.

Our neighboring town of Topsham has sent into the world a number of men who became very eminent, and with one or two exceptions they all came from families which sat under the ministry of Rev's. James Milligan, William Sloane, or N. R. Johnston. This volume tries to show what Ryegate and its people have been and are, and to preserve in accessible form the records of its families. That there has been evil mingled with the good it were idle to deny. But the good has far surpassed the evil, and these pages will preserve the memory of many noble men and women whose names would otherwise pass into oblivion.

It has been an honorable task to prepare this history, and complete, however imperfectly, the work which Mr. Miller so nobly began. In its preparation the editor has made many friendships which he hopes to retain, and expresses the wish that he has given some degree of satisfaction.

The editor returns his thanks to the committee and to all those of Ryegate or of Ryegate ancestry who have contributed to this work. The thanks of the town are due to the librarian and assistants of the Boston Public Library; the New England Historic-Genealogical Society; the N. H. State Library; the N. H. Historical Society; to the librarian and assistants of the Vt. State Library and the Vt. Historical Society, and to the librarian and trustees of the Tenney Memorial Library of Newbury for the use of its valuable manuscripts.

Attention is called to the appendix for corrections and for much valuable matter which came too late for insertion in its proper place.

FREDERIC P. WELLS.

NEWBURY, VT., Jan. 20, 1913.

ACTION OF THE TOWN AND COMMITTEE REGARDING THIS WORK.

For some years after Mr. Miller's death his collections remained untouched and in danger of possible destruction by fire or accident. There was a general wish that his work should be completed if a way could be opened, and it was thought best by those interested to bring the matter before the town. The annual town meeting in March, 1903, dismissed an article "To see if the town will publish a history," and nothing more was done for three years. But the desire for the work took assured form in the March meeting for 1906, when a committee of 27 was chosen "to investigate and report in regard to the matter of a Town History."

This committee met at the town house on March 20th when Mr. George Cochran was made chairman, and Mr. Wm. N. Gilfillan, secretary. Messrs. Hermon Miller, A. M. Whitelaw and Q. A. Whitehill were chosen an executive committee, the chairman and secretary of the general committee to act as members ex-officio.

"This committee to have charge of preparing a history of the town, and to report from time to time to the general committee which is to meet at the call of the chairman." Six meetings of the general committee were held, and many of the executive committee.

The report of the general committee was made to the town on March 5, 1907. They recommended that vacan-

cies be filled by vote of the committee, and that the selectmen be authorized to act with the four members, and that they be authorized to draw orders for \$1,000, to defray the expense of preparing and publishing a history of the town "on condition that the general committee guarantee sales of the work to the amount of \$500 to be paid to the town treasurer within one year after the history is published." This vote was accepted and adopted with but one vote in opposition.

Mr. F. P. Wells of Newbury was secured to compile and arrange material for the work. A committee of ten, one from each school district, was chosen to canvass for subscribers and to secure promises for sketches from their families.

This committee reported on Sept. 21st to the general committee, and after free discussion it was voted to guarantee the sale of books to the amount of \$500 "to the satisfaction of the selectmen." On Oct. 10th a contract was made with Mr. Wells to prepare the work.

On May 26, 1909, a contract was made with The Caledonian Co., of St. Johnsbury to print the history. Soon after this the publishing company changed hands, and subsequently many delays have resulted to the disappointment of all concerned. Yet the delay has given more time to collect material for the work, much additional data and many records were secured, the work will be much more complete, cost more, be worth more and the delay be justified in the end.

A full report has been rendered to the town at each annual meeting. More funds being necessary to complete the history, the town by a unanimous vote authorized \$1,000 additional at the annual meeting of 1912.

There has been an earnest effort to secure a complete history down to date. The people here have been urged to prepare family records, and every one has been welcomed to a place in the work.

The committee believed that the pioneers of the town and their direct descendants should have preference in illustrations. This has been a difficult matter to adjust and do justice to all. Most of the original settlers are represented but only a few of the present generation appear. It has been the sincere wish of the committee to make the history a credit to the town, and helpful to every citizen.

IN BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE,
W. N. GILFILLAN.

RYEGATE, Jan. 20, 1913.

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IN the year 1812, Rev. Dr. Dwight, president of Yale College, published a narrative of a journey to Canada, and took occasion to speak in very high terms of the Scotch settlers of Ryegate and Barnet, and of the favorable estimate in which they were everywhere held for their industry, good order and good morals, adding also that, as far as he could learn they were, generally, in very good circumstances.

These towns are the only ones in the state which were settled by colonies from beyond the Atlantic, and Ryegate is unique among all New England towns in that its affairs were, during some years, regulated by an association of farmers and artizans in far-off Scotland. Its history, therefore, must be very different from its neighboring communities, which were settled by immigrants from the older towns along the sea coast, who were, themselves, descended from the earliest settlers of New England.

In many things this colony was unique. Upon those who formed it the Church of Scotland had laid the strong hand of her faith, and the Presbyterian form of belief and practice is held, almost without dissent, by their children.

It is the purpose of this work to consider the reasons which induced the first settlers of Ryegate to leave Scotland; the organization through which the land was selected, divided, and governed during some years, the toils and privations of the colonists and their ultimate prosperity, to give the history of its institutions and gather the annals of its families.

In the first place it is necessary to give some account of the region in which it lies, and what we know about its history before its settlement. It occupies the southeastern corner of Caledonia County, and is separated by Connecticut River from Bath in New Hampshire. South lies Newbury, in Orange County, and west and north are Groton and Barnet. The soil of Ryegate is not excelled in fertility by that of any other town in New England, and the town has always ranked high in the amount and value of its agricultural products, especially those of the dairy. The underlying rock is granite, with limestone alternations, and the town

lies in a strip of land which extends through Barnet, Peacham and Danville, and is considered by eminent geological authority to be the most productive section east of the Hudson. It is watered by brooks which flow into the Connecticut, or into its tributary stream called Wells River. In the center of the town, in the midst of rolling uplands, lies the hamlet of Ryegate Corner. North of it, to the height of 2192 feet above sea level, rises Blue Mountain, its southerly side scarred by quarries. South Ryegate and East Ryegate, several miles apart, are thriving villages along its borders. A few small ponds surrounded by romantic scenery, are found in different parts of the town.

All over the town, among the hills and upon the uplands, white houses and huge barns evince the taste and prosperity of its inhabitants.

This is the Ryegate that we know. But Ryegate, when first called by that name, was an unbroken wilderness, without a clearing of any kind, or roads or paths, except those made by Indian feet. Could one have stood on Blue Mountain then, he would have seen only a vast forest, stretching as far as the eye could reach, with the chain of mountain peaks rising in the east. It formed a part of the wilderness which lay between the English colonies, and the French settlements along the Saint Lawrence, and we do not know whether its first white visitors were French or English.

Those who have devoted much time in studying Indian history and traditions, are of opinion that this part of New England was never the permanent abode of any large tribe of Indians, but that it was neutral ground lying between the tribes along the Atlantic coast, and the nations of the interior. It is known, however, that from time immemorial, parties from different tribes visited the great meadows of Newbury and Haverhill, which they had cleared, and where they raised corn in their rude fashion.

The section of the Connecticut valley between Orford and the mouth of the Ammonoosuc, was called Coös or Kohass, and a similar tract near Lancaster and Guildhall was called by the same name, and these sections were distinguished by the titles of the Lower and Upper Coös. There is much difference of opinion as to the precise meaning of the name.

To reach these cleared intervalles there were paths or trails which led to the distant Indian towns or hunting grounds. One of these trails came up from the Merrimac Valley, following very nearly the course of the railroad from Plymouth to Haverhill. Another lay along the Connecticut. According to the best authorities there was a famous trail which left the great river at the mouth of Wells River, held a northerly course, and divided into two branches about where Ryegate Corner is now. One of these trails went north through Peacham, Walden and Greensboro to the head waters of the Lamoille, and the celebrated Hazen

Road followed its general course. The other branch took its way over the high lands west to the Winooski Valley. There is a very ancient map which gives the general course of both the Connecticut and Wells Rivers, with the line of this trail and says, "Along this route many captives have been carried to Canada." The famous Indian scout known as Indian Joe or Joe Indian, who lived at Newbury, and whose grave in the Oxbow cemetery there is suitably marked, knew all the trails well, and much of the little we really know about them, came through those who knew him. He died in 1819. Joe's Pond and Brook in Cabot and Danville perpetuate his name, and Molly's Pond and Brook that of his wife.

These trails existed from time immemorial, and the principal ones were so much traveled that they could be easily followed. It will help us to understand this subject to study the journal of Capt. Benjamin Wright, who commanded an expedition which passed through Ryegate in 1725.

JOURNAL OF CAPT. BENJAMIN WRIGHT.

A true journal of our march from Northfield to Messiscouh Bay under ye command of Benj. Wright, captain, began July 27 Ano Dom., 1725.

July 27. It rained in ye forenoon; about 2 o'clock in ye afternoon I set out from Northfield, being fifty-nine of us, & we came yt night to Pomroy's Island, 5 miles above Northfield.

28. We set off from Pomroy's Island & came to Fort Dummer & there we mended our canoes & went yt night to Hawley's Island 5 miles above Fort Dummer, in all 10 miles.

29. We departed from Hawley's Island, & came to a meadow 2 miles short of ye Great Falls 18 miles.

30. We set off from ye great meadow & came to ye Great Falls, & carried our canoes across & from there we went 10 miles.

31. From there we set out & came within 3 miles of Black river, 17 miles.

August 1. We came to ye 2d falls 15 miles.

2. We set off from hence & came to the upper end of White river falls 15 miles & $\frac{1}{2}$

3. From ye upper end of White river falls to paddle Island 13 miles.

4. Foul weather, and we remained on paddle Island all day.

5. From paddle Island we went up 13 miles and encamped.

6. From hence we came to the third meadow at Cowass 20 miles yt day.

7. From thence we came to Wells river mouth, 15 miles.

8. We encamped here and hid our provisions and canoes, it being foul weather yt day.

- August
9. Foul weather in ye forenoon, in ye afterpart of ye day we marched from the mouth of Wells river N. 5 miles.
 10. This day we marched West & by North 10 miles.
 11. We marched to ye upper end of ye 2d pond at the head of Wells river upon a N. W. course ten miles. About noon this day we came to ye first pond, 5 miles & then we turned round N. West & travelled 5 miles further in very bad woods.
 12. We marched from ye upper end of ye upper pond 3 miles in very bad woods & here encamped by reason of foul weather; here David Allen was taken sick.
 13. We lay by to see if Allen would be able to travel.
 14. We marched from ye upper end of ye 2d pond W. by N. to French river 9 miles; we crossed French river and travelled 1 mile & $\frac{1}{2}$; in all ten miles & half.
 15. Here we encamped all day by reason of foul weather; this day Clark Hubbard being very lame was sent back & two men with him to the fort at the mouth of Wells River.
 16. We marched from our camp 3 miles and came to a branch of ye French [Winooski or Onion] river; from thence we marched 6 miles & came to a beaver pond out of which ran another Branch of said river; from thence we traveled 6 miles and came upon another Branch where we camped our course being W. N. W. 15.
 17. We marched from said branch 13 miles and crossed a vast mountain & there we camped that night, 13.
 18. We marched from our camp a Little & came to a 4th branch of French river & we traveled down sd branch 10 miles & then struck over ye Mountain 6 miles further & there we camped, our course was W. N. W. 12.
 19. We marched from thence W. N. W. to the top of a vast high mountain which we called Mount Discovery, where we had a fair prospect of ye Lake 4 miles, from whence we went down said mountain 2 miles on a N. course & then travelled 6 miles N. W. on a brook; here arose a storm which caused us to take up our lodgings something before night.
 20. We followed said brook N. N. W. 2 miles and then ye brook turned N. & we travelled on it 9 miles further & ye brook increased to a considerable river, 18.
 21. We marched 6 miles N. & then came to where ye river emptied itself into another very large river coming out from ye east somewhat northerly; we travelled down said river W. 7 miles; then the river turned south & we marched 7 miles farther & here we encamped at the foot of ye falls, 20.
 22. Here we lay still by reason of ye rain.
 23. Now I gave liberty to some yt they might return home by reason that our provision was almost spent, & there appeared 41. The Capt. Lt. & Ens. (Ensigns)

with 12 men marched over ye river at ye foot of ye falls & marched 6 miles S. S. W. & 3 miles W. & yn came to ye Lake & marched 6 miles down upon ye Lake & this N. W. & ye N. W. end of ye Lake or bay being at a great distance, & then we turned homeward without making any discovery here of any enemy.

- August 25. We set off from ye Lake to return home, & came to ye mouth of Wells River in five days and a half; here we discovered 3 Indians who had waded over ye River just below ye fort which we took to be our own men by reason yt ye two Indians which were with us & one man more set away early in ye morning to hunt; but it proved upon examination that they were enemies, but it was too late, for they were moved off.
29. We set off from ye fort at ye mouth of Wells river & came to Northfield Sept. 2d at Night.

* BENJ. WRIGHT.

Several points are settled by Wright's journal. Not only is the existence of some kind of shelter and defense at the mouth of Wells River long before the country was settled, but another very interesting fact is brought to light. We have mentioned the Indian trail which lay across the mountains to Onion or Winooski River then called French River. We observe that the company, led by their Indian guides, did not follow along the banks of Wells River, but took a more northerly course, coming out at Ricker's Pond in Groton, taking the general direction of the road from Wells River to Ryegate Corner, and thence to Ricker's Pond. This was one of the great trails between Canada and the Connecticut Valley, along which passed not only hunters and migratory families, but war parties for attacks on the English settlements, and the same bands returning with their captives and spoil.

Along this trail, where now lie the sunny farms of Ryegate, came in February 1704, a force of two hundred French and one hundred and forty Indians, bound upon one of the most fearful errands recorded in the long chapter of Indian massacres. They came up Lake Champlain on the ice to the mouth of French or Winooski River, which they followed, and passed through the mountains very nearly where the railroad now runs. They went down Connecticut River on the ice, and on the night of the 29th fell upon Deerfield, Mass., burned the village, killed fifty persons, and carried away one hundred and fifty prisoners, eighteen of whom were killed on the march. At the mouth of White River the

*NOTE. This journal is taken by permission from Sheldon's History of Deerfield. In a note Mr. Sheldon says that the distances given as traveled by the company must not be considered as accurate, but were computed by their time and difficulty. To the men struggling through the wilderness the way must have seemed long.

captives were divided into small companies, making their way to Canada by different routes.

Rev. John Williams, the minister of Deerfield, lived to return and publish a narrative of their sufferings, entitled, "The Redeemed Captive Returning to Zion." This little volume when first printed may have been sold for a shilling. A copy of the first edition is now worth many times its weight in gold. It has been often reprinted.

The narrative of Stephen Williams,* the minister's son, is of special interest in local history, and his experience was probably that of hundreds of others at different times between 1650 and 1760. The small party to which Stephen was attached reached the great meadows at Newbury on the ninth day after the massacre, where they remained two days, then proceeded up Wells River, a day's travel, making a camp among the hills not far from the line between Ryegate and Groton, and there spent some days in hunting.

"Twelfth Day. March 11th. While we tarried here the French that were in the army passed by," says Stephen's narrative. His master, with a small company, turned north, and made a camp somewhere in Peacham, it is believed, where they were joined by some other captives from Deerfield, who had been left by the French army in its passage. They remained there hunting over a wide area of country, and collecting furs till about the middle of June, when the party started for the Coös meadows, it being their custom to spend their summers there, cultivating the land, feasting, and having a general good time.

But when they had gone only a few miles they met some Indians, who told them that a party of white men and hostile Indians had come up the river, and, a short distance below the great meadows, had fallen upon a camp of Indians and killed them all, so that all the Indians were fleeing from Coös. This was Caleb Lyman of Northampton, who left that place about the first of June and fell upon the Indians near Coös, and all who were there, fled, and their fields were not cultivated that year.

The party to which Stephen and his master belonged, returned to their camp, and were joined by several other prisoners. After some time they ventured back to the Newbury meadows, where they suffered from hunger, and where one of the prisoners, Dea. David Hoyt of Deerfield, died of starvation.

* Samuel Carter's address at Deerfield, 1884.

NOTE. Stephen Williams was only eleven years old when he was taken prisoner. He graduated from Harvard College in 1713, and was for 66 years a noted minister at Longmeadow. He was a chaplain in the expedition to Louisburg in 1745, and a son of his was killed in the old French War. Mr. Williams had three sons who were prominent clergymen in their time. See "Longmeadow Centennial," also "Proceedings of the Pocumtuck Valley Association." These, with the History of Deerfield, are in the library at Newbury.

About the 1st of August they set away for Canada with large packs of furs which they had taken, and which the captives were compelled to carry till French River was reached. Another of the captives, Jacob Hix of Deerfield, died of starvation and fatigue, somewhere, probably in what is now Plainfield, "at the first carrying-place on French River." The company arrived at Chambly in August. This narrative is here given to show something of the life which went on in the wilderness two hundred years ago.

This bloody warfare came to an end with the close of the Old French War in 1760. The destruction of the St. Francis Village by Rogers' expedition in that year, struck terror to all the Indian tribes. The story of his expedition has been told too often to need repetition here. Some of the survivors of that company struggled along through the dense woods on the banks of the Connecticut. It is said that several of the men fell down and died between the mouth of the Passumpsic and that of Wells River.

It will be observed that Wright's Journal of 1725 mentions the latter stream by the name we know it now and speaks of "the fort at the mouth of Wells River." A tradition handed down from the first settlers of Newbury is that in 1704 one Captain Wells ascended the Connecticut with a small force of men, and at the mouth of this stream one of the men fell sick with small pox, and a small building was erected there, in which some of the men spent a part of the winter, and the stream has been called Wells River ever since. This was the year of the destruction of Deerfield, and the company was probably commanded by Capt. Jonathan Wells of that town, and one of several expeditions which were sent to Canada to negotiate for the ransom of captives.

Other narratives of journeys along the Connecticut Valley between 1710, and 1770, are extant, but they give little information concerning the country. It is probable that, between these dates, several hundreds of white persons passed through Ryegate.

The "Fort" we have mentioned was probably a rude structure of logs, and large enough to give shelter and protection to such as needed either, in the wilderness. When Er Chamberlin, in 1770, began settlement in what is now Wells River village, he found the ruins of a building in the woods, a little above the junction of the two rivers. It was the first building erected by Englishmen in this part of New England.

CHAPTER II.

"A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND CALLED RYEGATE."

SETTLEMENTS ON CONNECTICUT RIVER.—OPENING OF THE COÖS COUNTRY.—PROSPERITY OF NEWBURY AND HAVERHILL.—RYEGATE CHARTERED.—SALE TO JOHN CHURCH.—NEW YORK CLAIM.—THE SECOND CHARTER.—THE PAGAN LANDS.—CONDITION OF SCOTLAND.—EMIGRATION.—WAGES.—THE SCOTCH-AMERICAN COMPANY.

THE settlement of Vermont begins with the close of the Old French War. There had, indeed, been a few small settlements established along the Connecticut River near Brattleboro, which were maintained only by the intrepidity of the settlers. But in 1759, Quebec was taken, and North America passed into English hands, the Indians were no longer to be feared, and the "New Hampshire Grants," as the country between Lake Champlain and the Connecticut was called, were open for settlement. The fertility of the soil was well known, the land was cheap, and from all parts of the long settled towns along the coast men and families prepared to remove to the new lands. Settlements began at Newbury and Haverhill before any of the towns below them were occupied; in other words, civilization made a leap of sixty miles into the wilderness. It is necessary to speak of the settlement of these towns, for it is certain that Ryegate would not have been selected by the representation of the Scotch American Company, had it not been for its proximity to a strong and well established community.

In October, 1760, four officers of Col. Goff's regiment, who had been released from service by the surrender of Montreal, made their way to the great meadows of the Lower Coös. They were, to call them by the military titles by which they are always mentioned, Gen. Jacob Bayley, Col. Jacob Kent, Col. Timothy Bedel and Capt. John Hazen. They spent some time in examining the surrounding country, and decided that it was, for many reasons, a very desirable region for settlement. In the summer of 1761, men were sent up to cut and stack hay on the "Great Oxbow" in Newbury, and the "Little Oxbow" in Haverhill. In the fall cattle were driven up from Hampstead and Plaistow, which were sheltered and fed through the winter by men employed by Bayley and Hazen. In the spring of 1762, families began to settle in both towns along the meadows, and on the 18th of May, 1763, Newbury and Haverhill were chartered to Jacob Bayley, John Hazen, and their associates, many of whom became actual settlers in one town or the other.



RED MOUNTAIN FROM W. E. BAILEY'S, JEFFERSON HILL

In the twelve years that passed before Ryegate was settled, Newbury and Haverhill had grown very rapidly, and in 1774 their joint population was about 800, the most important settlement in the valley north of Charlestown. There were several men in each town who had seen service in the late war, and these were men of enterprise and business sagacity. There were also men of liberal education who, with their families, gave a high tone to the settlements, which were well established, with good society, a church, schools, mills, taverns, courts and all the adjuncts of the best communities of that day, while as yet there was not a habitation of white men, save perhaps a few hunters and fishermen, in all that is now Caledonia, Orleans and Essex Counties.

We will now speak of the charter of Ryegate. When the territory, now called Vermont, was opened for settlement there was a great desire among speculators and men with money to invest to get hold of wild land. In those days there were few ways in which people could invest their money, and so wild land was bought as an investment, as people now buy stocks and bonds, or western land. In order to secure a legal claim it was very common for a sufficient number of associates to obtain from the Governor of the province a charter for a town in the ungranted part of the country, and, having divided the land into "lots" or "shares", wait for a rise in the value of wild land to realize a profit by selling their holdings. In this manner some large fortunes were made by shrewdness in selection of lands, and success in creating a demand for them by encouraging and promoting their settlement. But there were those who, through inexperience and credulity, found themselves the owners of large tracts of wild land which could not be sold readily and finding it hard to pay the taxes assessed were called "land poor."

On the eighth of September, 1763, the charter of Ryegate was granted to Richard Jenness and ninety-three associates, by Benning Wentworth, "Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of New Hampshire." The township contained 23,040 acres, and there were 100 shares, which made about 230 acres to each right. Gov. Wentworth retained for himself a tract of 500 acres in the south-east corner of the town, which was accounted as two shares. There was also reserved one share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts; one for a Glebe for the Church of England; one for the first settled Minister of the Gospel, and one for the benefit of a school.

The Governor's tract was counted as two shares, and as his corresponding reservations in Newbury, Haverhill and Bath lay in the adjacent corners, he held in one body 2000 acres of land, part of which is now covered by the flourishing villages of Wells River and Woodsville.

Of the ninety-four grantees of Ryegate, not one became an actual settler, and in only one instance did a son of a grantee settle in the town.

Indeed, with the exception of Joseph Blanchard, it does not appear that any one of them ever set foot within its limits. Blanchard had been an officer in the late war and afterwards a surveyor of lands in the new country. He had been disappointed in his endeavor to secure grants of Newbury and Haverhill for himself and his friends. His name, however, was inserted in the charters of twelve towns in this state.

Why the name, Ryegate, was selected is not quite clear. It is asserted that several of the grantees, among them William Thomas, whose sons settled here, lived in Rye, N. H., and wished the new town called by that name, to which the suffix, "gate," was added; while another tradition is that the Jenness family, of whom ten names appear in the charter, originated near Reigate, England, a town of some importance about 20 miles from London, and wished it to be called by that name. On old maps, made before its settlement, the name is spelled Reigate. Most of the grantees lived near Portsmouth, and were merchants and business men. They did not, however, long retain the land, but on the 3d of July, 1767, through their agent, Col. Israel Morey, of Orford, N. H., conveyed, for one thousand pounds sterling, all their rights to John Church of Charlestown, N. H., who sold the south half of it to Rev. John Witherspoon, D. D., President of Princeton College. Not all the grantees signed this deed, a circumstance which caused some trouble in later years.* They were, perhaps, induced to take this step in consequence of the difficulties between the authorities of New York and New Hampshire, as to the ownership of what we now call Vermont, and which must now be explained.

We have seen that the town was granted to Richard Jenness and his associates by the royal governor of New Hampshire, the authorities of that province at that time considering its western boundary to be a line drawn from the northwest corner of Massachusetts to the southern extremity of Lake Champlain, and up the middle of the lake to Canada line, thus including all of what is now Vermont.

But the New York authorities contended that their province, north of Massachusetts, extended to Connecticut River and denied the right of Governor Wentworth to make grants of towns in that region. But in spite of the remonstrance of the New York authorities, Wentworth continued to make grants of towns in the disputed territory, which came to be known as "The New Hampshire Grants," until he had made grants of one hundred and eighty towns between Lake Champlain and Connecticut River.

In 1764, the claims of the conflicting parties were laid before the King in Council, who decided the case in favor of the New York claimants, and a proclamation was issued declaring the west bank of Connecticut

* Whitelaw to William Neilson of New York, Dec. 31, 1798. Whitelaw Papers.

River, from the province of Massachusetts Bay to the 45th parallel of north latitude, to be the boundary line between the provinces of New York and New Hampshire.

William Tyron became Governor of New York, and with his advisers contended that in consequence of the Order in Council, all the grants of towns made by Governor Wentworth were null and void, and the grantees and owners of lands in the Grants were ordered to surrender their charters and repurchase those lands under grants from New York. It is not necessary to our narrative to give here any general account of the troubles which arose, and the determined resistance made by the "Green Mountain Boys," which is the pride of every Vermonter. At that early date there were only a few settlements on Connecticut River, and their inhabitants were far removed from aid and could not well act in concert with the leaders west of the Green Mountains. Therefore the proprietors of Newbury, in 1772, considered that their wisest policy would be to apply for a charter from the governor of New York, which, being granted on the 19th of February 1772, secured them from all molestation from that quarter. Acting probably by advice of the leading men of Newbury, Mr. Church applied for a similar charter, which was granted to Samuel Wells of Cumberland Co., N. Y., James Cobham, Waldron Blaen, Samuel Avery, John Fowler, James Abel, John McDowel, Henry Broadwell, John Campbell, Thomas Campbell, John Abel, William Kennedy, John Kelley, Isaac Ball, Jun., Henry Holland, Dennis Carleton, John Broadhead and William Strong, all of the City of New York, and Samuel Gale of the County of Cumberland, the same tract which had been granted on the 8th of September, 1763, by the governor of New Hampshire, to Richard Jenness and his associates, with the same reservations: "To their only proper and separate use and behoof respectively forever as tenants in common and not as joint tenants in fee and common socage, as of the Manor of East Greenwich in the County of Kent, within the Kingdom of Great Britain."

It is to be noted that the names of Waldron Blaen, Joseph Beck, John Kelley, and James Cobham, are also affixed to the Newbury charter, and were residents of New York who allowed their names to be thus used for a consideration. The original charter is now owned by the Vermont Historical Society.

On the 30th of June, 1775, these fictitious grantees conveyed all their title to John Church, receiving each £5 for their services. William Patterson and Malichi Church were witnesses to an instrument acknowledged before Henry Holland, one of the Masters of the Court of Chancery for the Province of New York.

This was about eighteen months after the south half of the town had been sold to the Scotch American Company, but as we shall see in

the sequel, the legal transfer was not made till after this date. This charter covered all the interest which had been conveyed to Dr. Witherspoon. On Jan. 20, 1776, Mr. Church sold to the Doctor, twenty-eight lots of land in the North Division containing $2,760\frac{3}{4}$ acres for £210, New York money, and a little later $5,212\frac{1}{2}$ acres in the same section to John Pagan, a merchant of Glasgow. This John Pagan and others of the name held considerable land in America, whose ownership and transfer is rather interesting. In 1792, Mr. Pagan, then removed to Greenock, was owner of a tract of 833 acres in Newbury, another of 2000 acres in Cavendish, and the above-mentioned land in Ryegate, while Dr. Witherspoon was proprietor of 12,057 acres in Nova Scotia, being a part of what was called the Philadelphia Grant.^a In that year the latter, being in London, executed a bond to exchange his land in Nova Scotia, for the three tracts owned by Pagan in Vermont, transferring the former to Robert, Thomas and John Pagan, Jun., merchants at Poictou, Nova Scotia. The rate of exchange was two acres of the Nova Scotia land for one in Newbury and Cavendish, and four acres for one in Ryegate.^b It would thus appear that an acre of Ryegate Land was worth two in Newbury. But the Pagan land in Newbury lay in the hilly region between the Limekiln neighborhood and the Centre, so the difference is easily accounted for. This exchange gave the Doctor 1597 acres in Ryegate, and the remainder he purchased outright.^c In 1774, he had purchased for his son James a tract of 600 acres, in the northwest corner of the town, of which a further account will be given in the annals of the Whitehill family.

On the 16th of February, 1792, he conveyed to Robert Hunter of the City of New York, $2,075\frac{3}{4}$ acres, and on Dec. 24th of the next year all his remaining land in Ryegate, "described on a map of Ryegate Township made by William Hammond, surveyor of lands in October and November, 1775, on a scale of 60 chains to an inch," to William Neilson,^d merchant, of New York. These with some minor transfers complete the ownership of land to those by whom it was sold to actual settlers.

^aNewbury Town Records.

^bRyegate Land Records, Vol. II., pp. 142-149.

^cDeed now owned by Vermont Historical Society, Ryegate Land Records, Vol. II., pp. 107-112.

^dMany early deeds of land in the north part of the town are signed by this William Neilson. From "Old Merchants of New York" we learn that he came from the north of Ireland before the Revolutionary War, and became very wealthy. After the war he took his sons into partnership and the firm name was "William Neilson & Sons." They founded a Marine Insurance Company, of which Mr. Neilson was first president, and which was very successful. This was the first company in America to keep a complete register of all vessels trading at American ports. He had a country seat near Greenwich, now covered with buildings. Mr. Neilson was an elder in the Second Presbyterian church, and at his death left a large sum to it. Many of his letters are among the Whitelaw papers.

We will now consider the circumstances which led to the formation of the Company under whose auspices the town was settled, and the condition of the classes in Scotland from which the first settlers came.

The country had been in a state of profound peace since the suppression of the rebellion of 1745, and probably for a longer time than ever before in the history of Scotland, and with the happiest results. With peace came prosperity, the accumulation of wealth, and an improvement in the condition of all classes. The increase in general intelligence was great; schools were multiplied and the facilities for obtaining a university education had never been so good. People read more, and the desire of every Scotchman for knowledge was gratified and increased by the extension of the means of obtaining it. In 1740, there were but seventeen newspapers published in all Scotland. In 1774, the number had increased to fifty-six, and the circulation of one of them, the *Caledonian Mercury*, exceeded the entire circulation of all the newspapers in Scotland in 1740 combined. People learned about foreign lands, and the opportunities for advancement which were offered in the colonies of North America. The return to Scotland of several regiments which had seen service in the colonies during the late war, still further spread the knowledge of the country, and awakened a condition of unrest. In thousands of homes, the subject of emigration, its cost and its advantages, was the constant topic of conversation. Every true Scotchman desires to better his condition, and to secure advantages for his children, which he has not had for himself, and they felt also, that the small farmers and artisans were not receiving their share of the increased prosperity of the country. The wealth of Scotland was mostly in the hands of the nobility and the landed proprietors, while the common people were poor. The condition of the laboring classes is nowhere more clearly set forth than in the writings of Burns. At best, with most people it was a hard struggle to keep the wolf from the door. The wages of an unskilled laborer were so low and his work so uncertain, that it was rare that any one of their class accumulated enough to make himself and his wife even barely comfortable in old age. It required only a little misfortune to bring a laboring man and his wife who had toiled all the days of their lives to poverty and want. The wages of skilled laborers, in the few trades which were then pursued, were higher, and their condition a little better. Carpenters and masons, according to so good an authority as Adam Smith, received in 1770, about twice the wages of a plowman or a reaper and the family of a carpenter or a mason, with good health and steady employment for all old enough to work, might have a little left over at the year's end.

More prosperous than these were skilled husbandmen, who were often large tenant farmers, or were employed as managers of the estates of

merchants or the nobility. The tenant farmers of the Scottish lowlands were excellent managers and usually accumulated some property. The first settlers of Ryegate and Barnet were drawn from all three of these classes. Sir Walter Scott has left us pictures of all classes in Scotland whose fidelity is attested by the memories of those who could, fifty years ago, recall the conditions which prevailed in the latter half of the 18th century.

Another reason which induced the desire to leave the country, was the growing unrest over class distinctions in Scotland. The hereditary aristocracy considered themselves made of better clay than farmers and mechanics, and between these classes there was a great gulf fixed. All the land was in the hands of the aristocracy; all the offices in the kingdom were held by them; no poor man could aspire to own a little land all his own. In America all this would be changed. In America a man would be his own "laird," and there the toil and frugality which in Scotland would secure only the means to live, would be rewarded by competence and even wealth. In America too, the Presbyterian faith, and manner of worship, could be enjoyed as well as at home. In America there would be no landed aristocracy to lord it over them, and the poor man's son had an equal chance with the rich man's. These were some of the considerations which led hundreds of families and individuals to break all the ties that bound them to their native land; to brave the terrors of an ocean voyage; to incur the hardships and unknown conditions of settlement in the wilderness.

Not only were there emigrations of families and individuals, but associations were formed in various parts of Scotland to purchase land for settlement in America, and there form communities whose members would be bound together by ties of previous acquaintance or relationship. Many towns in Nova Scotia, New York, Pennsylvania and the southern states were settled by colonies so organized. Sometimes these associations were assisted by some nobleman or wealthy merchant, but generally they were joint stock companies, in which the adventurers, as they were called, took shares. Such an association, called the Scotch-American Company, was organized at Inchinnan in Renfrewshire, Scotland, on the 5th day of February, 1773, and articles of agreement drawn up by Robert Nairns, a "writer" of Port Glasgow, were signed by 137 persons.

From the circumstance that Inchinnan was chosen as the meeting place of the members of the society, the association is often called the "Inchinnan Company," to distinguish it from other Scotch colonies in America, notably that which settled Barnet under the leadership of Col. Alexander Harvey.

CHAPTER III.

INCHINNAN.—HISTORY.—ANTIQUITIES.—THE KNIGHTS TEMPLARS.—INCEPTION OF THE SCOTCH-AMERICAN COMPANY.—REGULATIONS.—COMMISSIONERS.—“BOND OF ASSOCIATION.”—NAMES OF SUBSCRIBERS.

INCHINNAN, formerly called Killinan, one of the smallest parishes in all Scotland, lies on the south side of the Clyde, about mid-way between Glasgow and Greenock. It is separated by the river, which a little below becomes an estuary, from Old Kilpatrick, through which pass several lines of railway and the Forth and Clyde canal.

On the east a small river called the White Cart separates it from Renfrew, and a narrow burn divides Inchinnan from Houston and Erskine. Paisley, Dumbarton, Johnston, Kilmalcolm, and a number of smaller places from which the members of the company came, are from eight to fifteen miles distant in different directions, north and south of the Clyde.

Inchinnan seems to have been selected as the place of assembly because of its central location and accessibility. Although situated on the Clyde, in the near vicinity of some of the largest cities in Scotland, Inchinnan is a very retired place, and its population, which in 1770 was about 300, has hardly doubled in a century and a third. The land is low and very level and large portions are overflowed by unusually high tides. The climate, although damp, is very healthy, and the soil, a rich loam, is carefully cultivated, the annual rent averaging £2 sterling, or about \$10 per acre. Dairying and the raising of horses are the principal pursuits; the chief crop is hay, with an average of four tons to the acre. Inchinnan has no manufactures and was never the scene of any important event; its only mention in the annals of Scotland is that it was the place where the unfortunate Earl of Argyle was taken prisoner in 1685.

It is a very ancient town, and the name implies “The Island of the Rivers.” Its history is traced back to the 6th century, when the first Archdeacon of Glasgow established the Christian religion there, not far from the year 590 A. D.

In 1158, King Malcolm IV. granted the lands to the Stewart family. In 1511, one of the Stewart noblemen became the second Earl of Lennox and received a charter or grant of land, which included the parish of Inchinnan. The title became extinct in 1672, and the lands reverted to the Crown in 1680. Charles II. granted the lands to his natural son, whom he made Duke of Lennox and Richmond, which by purchase became the property of the Blytheswood family in 1737. The present

Lord Blytheswood is Lord Lieutenant of the County of Renfrew, and is the owner of nearly all the parish of Inchinnan. Portions of the lands, as well as certain of Houston and Erskine, are the property of the Douglas family.

The parish church of Inchinnan has a very interesting history. The patronage was granted by King David I. to the Knights Templars, a military order, whose headquarters were at Jerusalem, and who were sometimes called the Red Cross Knights. This grant was made about 1153. This Order had a branch at Greenend, and owned large tracts of land. Their church was at Inchinnan; the Knights were buried under the church which was founded about 1100, and stood till 1828, when it was taken down. This Order took a prominent part in the Crusades, and its members became so wealthy and powerful that they excited the fear and envy of the King of France and the ecclesiastics of Rome, who united to suppress them and confiscate the Order. Their lands in Renfrewshire were given to the Knights of St. John, who were displaced in their turn by the Hospitallers, a Catholic order. These lands and religious titles were united by purchase and grant with the crown lands in the present Blytheswood family. This history is here given because nearly all the first settlers of Ryegate came from these parishes, thus held, and the narrative is taken from "The Church and Parish of Inchinnan," by Robert McClelland, and published in 1905. Mr. McClelland is the minister of the Parish of Inchinnan.

From the letters, recently discovered, which were written to James Whitelaw by his father in Scotland, it would seem that the project of forming a company for the purpose of purchasing and settling land in North America had been discussed during several years in different parishes of Renfrew and Lanark shires. It appears also that several meetings of the associates were held before any plan was decided upon and that they solicited advice from persons who had traveled in America. On the 1st of February, 1772, the first decisive step was taken, and at successive meetings the articles of association were considered and elaborated till they were reduced to writing, and at a meeting of the company held at Inchinnan, Feb. 5, 1773, they were approved and adopted.

The preamble to the regulations then and there agreed upon is as follows:

"Having some time ago formed ourselves into a society or copartnership for purchasing lands in any of His Majesty's Dominions in America: That the major part of the Company shall direct where they can be got most commodious for the purposes after mentioned, and having each of us advanced certain sums of money toward carrying the intended plan into execution, and having had several meetings with each other thereanent, it was unanimously condescended and agreed upon that the fol-

lowing rules and regulations shall be the stated fundamental rules and regulations of the said Company, or Society. *Subject* nevertheless to be altered or amended as circumstances may require, as shall be thought proper by two-third parts of the partners, which rules and regulations we the subscribers hereby bind and oblige ourselves, our heirs and successors to observe and inviolably perform to each other in all time coming."

The rules and regulations which follow are very formal, and fill fifteen closely written foolscap pages in the "Journal of the Proceedings of the Scotch American Company of Farmers." Any one who undertakes to follow their antique legal phraseology, the words and phrases which are now obsolete; its endless repetitions and involved style, will probably understand less of their meaning at the end than before he began. Their general tenor can be summed up in a few sentences.

After specifying the purposes of the organization, its officers and their respective duties, they proceed to declare that the joint stock of the Company consisted of 400 shares, whose value appears to be £2.10s., sterling, each shareholder having one vote, and if the purchaser of £10 in stock, two votes. The funds of the Company were to be deposited in some bank in Glasgow, under the direction of the "Precess," [President] and Board of Managers. The Company was to send two men to America, who were called Commissioners, empowered to purchase a suitable tract of land, which they were to lay out in lots corresponding to the number of shares held in the company, and the smallest sums paid. A map or plan of these lands was to be transmitted to the Company in Scotland. They were to lay out a portion of the tract as a town (i. e., village) divided into lots 40 x 100 feet, with sites for storehouses, markets, churches, schoolhouses, and other public buildings. All who took lots in the town site were to build houses upon them within ten years. The commissioners were empowered to clear lands and erect public and private buildings and provide accommodations for settlers, till they were able to build houses for themselves. They could clear a space on each lot and erect dwellings on them, these expenditures of the Company to be repaid before a deed was given.

Any of the Company who had been reduced to poverty by shipwreck or other calamity were to be aided from the general funds, till they could care for themselves. With practical good sense they provided for the settlement of difficulties, and regulated the financial concerns of the colony, and the form of government to be set up somewhere in the region known as North America. With true Scotch prudence they directed the settlers to conform their local government to the laws and customs of the province where they should settle.

It is to be observed that this was in no sense a religious colony; nothing in its regulations confined citizenship to the adherents of any sect or creed. With wisdom these projectors of a new commonwealth in America,

in their deliberations upon the banks of the Clyde in far-off Scotland, left untouched and unmentioned all its domestic relations. They only contemplated the planting of a colony in America whose members should be supported by a common bond of inter-dependence and where provision was made for the unfortunate.

It is interesting to consider what changes time has wrought with these anticipations. The Scotch American Company long ago ceased to exist; the "city," so carefully laid out on "Fairview," has no existence now even on paper; all that was formally prescribed in these closely written pages long ago gave place to the customs of New England, but the spirit which animated the founders of the town in that old day is here still. All the changes of one hundred and thirty-five years have not materially altered the character of the town, and within the present year a well known clergyman declared at a public gathering that the only parts of Scotland he had ever visited were Ryegate and Barnet.

The commissioners selected were James Whitelaw of Whiteinch in the parish of Govan, and David Allan of Sandylands in the parish of Inchinnan. Mr. Whitelaw was then twenty-four years of age, was well educated and had acquired a thorough knowledge of the art of surveying. He became Surveyor-General of Vermont, and one of the best known men in New England. He wrote much and his style is a model of clearness and precision. From his journal and letters we have nearly all that is known concerning the early days in Ryegate.

David Allan was ten years older, and appears to have been a man of excellent business judgment, sound sense and considerable experience in the valuation of lands. The journal of their travels in search of a suitable tract in which to settle a colony, is given in the following pages.

NOTE. The "Bond of Association for the Company" was signed by the following persons: William Houston, in Craigend; David Smith, farmer in Newmains; David Allan, farmer in Sandylands; William Hall, Freelands; William Blackwood, farmer in Boltone; John Young, servant to William Hall of Freeland; Matthew Killock, in Old Mains; William Neilson, wright, in Gateside; John Hall, tenant in Barsale, Agnes Hall, in Barsale; Duncan McKeith, flaxdresser in Gateside, all in the Parish of Inchinnan; Donald McKenzie, James McCaie, Norman McDonald, Alexander McDonald, Donald Sutherland, John McKey, James and Alexander McPherson, and Alexander Grant, quarriers; James Henderson, wright; John and Lewis McEwens, labourers; James Blackwood, smith; William Blackwood, smith; and William Blackwood, servant, with John Whitehill, all in Inchinnan, and Lewis McEwan, Innkeeper at Bridge of Inchinnan; Robert Semple, farmer, and Hugh and John Semple, residents, both in Mossend in the parish of Kilbarchan; James Allison, servant to Lord Semple at Bishopstoun; John Wilson, servant to William Craig, in Ditch; Jean Hall, tenant in Longhaugh; John Blair, servant to the said Hall; John Ritchie, smith in Longhaugh; William Craig, farmer in Ditch; Jean Napier, spouse, and Jean Bryden, daughter of David Bryden of Kilmaken, residing in Freelands; James Neilson in Calside; William Lang, farmer in Inglestone; John Hamilton, servant to Isabel Clark in Richiestone; William and James Kings, and James Glassford, farmers in Portoun; Alexander Jack, grieve to Lord Blantyre; William Graham, servant to William Glen in Ferry; Walter Alexander, farmer in

Kiltoun; John Laird, cooper in Cartimpan; James Laird, in Cartimpan; William Clark, wright in Dryknows; Alexander Craig, servant to Rev. Walter Young, Minister of the Gospel at Erskine; John Waddel, mason in Slateford; Nicol Cowan, servant to Mr. David Bryden in Freeland; William Neilson and John Walker, farmers, and Hugh Gardner, smith, all in Glenshinnock; Archibald Taylor, cooper in Kilts; John Cooper, son of James Cooper, farmer in Milhill; John Whitehill, smith in Erskine, and James Laird at Millbank, all in the Parish of Erskine; William Semple, farmer in Brickhouse; John and William Donalds, Agnes and Mary Burnside, residents, and Robert Burnside, farmer, all in Gavinsburn; John Donald in Laigh-Gavinsburn; James Donald of Burnbrae, and Robert Watson, mason, all in Kilpatrick Parish; Andrew Baird, merchant; John Tennant, maltman; John Gardner, mathematical instrument maker, and Robert Arthur, merchant, all in Glasgow; Alexander Symes, gardner, and William Dunn, residenter, both of North Kenmuir, in the Barony Parish of Glasgow; Thomas Campbell, workman; John Allen, weaver; Matthew McGown, merchant; Robert Blackwook, bleacher, and William Blair, weaver, in Paisley; William and Alexander McKeys, quarriers at Stanley in the Parish of Paisley; William Tassey, farmer in Halehouse; John Graham, servant to James White; and Thomas Young, in Chappleshill, all in the Abbey Parish of Paisley; Robert Orr, farmer in Hardrigg, and John Wilson, farmer in Blackholm, both in the Parish of Kilmalcolm; John and Andrew Arthur, farmers in Boaghall; and John Erskine, farmer, in Raillie, all in the Parish of Kilallen, William Stewart, schoolmaster in Houston; Robert Brock and John Paterson, farmers at Barns of Clyde; Walter and Matthew Roben, farmers at Third-part-Miln; Alexander Paterson, farmer in Drumry; Joseph Edmond, miller at Wheatmiln; William Kerr at Milltown; George and William Moriston, farmers in Kilbanie; Matthew White, farmer in Garneland; John Malcolm, farmer in Townhead, Drumrie; David Ferry, clothprinter at Dalquhurn; Walter McLea, residenter at White Crook; Angus McKellar, dykebuilder at New Kilpatrick; Thomas White, farmer at Whitehill in East Kilpatrick; John Cross, Senior, miller at Braediesholm Miln, and John Cross, Junior, at Braehead, both in Old Monkland; Thomas Weather-spoon, farmer in Shirrel; William Russell, smith in Cornbrae; Michael Thompson, weaver in Haining; William Reid, residenter in Atherstone; John Selkirk, weaver in Brae; John Jack of Patonswells; John Scot, bleacher in Hillheadsholm; William Kirk, weaver there; James Whitelaw, land surveyor in White Inch in the Parish of Govan; Peter Craig, farmer in Boghouse in Neilstone Parish; James Jackson, farmer in Eastwood Parish; Alexander Barnhill, brewer; James Watson, merchant; William Fulton, Alexander McPherson, merchants; John Wallace, grocer; John Menzier, bookbinder; Andrew Killock, cooper; Robert Nairn, writer; John Lang, brewer; Robert Lang, residenter, Alexander McLish, sailor, and Duncan Ritchie, porter, all in Port Glasgow; James Nicol, cooper in Greenock; John Dennie, maltman in the townend of Dumbarton; John Jamison, farmer in Cloagh in the Parish of Inverkip; John McKenley, miller at Bonhill; John McKenley, farmer in Twomarkland of Bonhill; William Smith, smith at Cameron of Bonhill; and McKenley at Millburn of Bonhill.

CHAPTER IV.

THE JOURNAL OF JAMES WHITELAW.

THE VOYAGE.—PHILADELPHIA.—NEW YORK.—ALBANY.—MOHAWK RIVER.—RYEGATE.—CHARLESTOWN TO NEW YORK.—SUSQUEHANNAH RIVER.—PENNSYLVANIA.—SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON.—DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

MR. WHITELAW'S narrative of their journey through the seaboard states as far south as Halifax, North Carolina, is one of the best descriptions of a portion of the American Colonies just before the revolutionary war, which we possess. The original manuscript volume was, in 1878, presented to the Vermont Historical Society by Oscar L., and Robert H. Whitelaw of St. Louis, great-grandsons of James Whitelaw. In 1907 the journal was printed among the collections of the Society. In the manuscript volume as preserved at Montpelier, the first leaf is missing, which we are able to supply, errors have been corrected, and from Mr. Whitelaw's letters and other data, a few notes are added. His spelling of proper names has been retained.

JOURNAL OF JAMES WHITELAW.

On Friday, March 19. We went to Greenock.

March 25, sailed on the Brigantine Matty, Capt. Thomas Cochran, commander, and about 6 o'clock in the evening passed Ailsa Craig. The weather was mild and the wind brisk from the N. W.

March 26, we continued on our way and passed along the Irish coast which here seems very beautiful.

On Sat. March 27, we had our last view of Scotland, just before sunset.

Sun. March 28, we had a very hard gale of wind which made most of our female passengers wish themselves on shore again. We were a little sea sick ourselves, but not long.

March 30, a ship was in sight going N. W. but at a great distance.

From March 30 to April 8, we had fair weather and a good breeze.

The captain is a very sensible and discreet man, and the sailors are merry fellows, and a great deal more sober than they are commonly represented. We have had very sociable young men for our companions.

Thursday, April 8th, on the morning the weather turned calm, by which time we were in Lat. 40° and Lon. about 18° during which time nothing passed worth remarking, excepting that we saw the main mast of a ship go along our side one morning.

It remained calm till Saturday, the 10th, on the morning of which the wind shifted N. E., from which point we had a good breeze,

and continued a S. W. course till Sunday, the 25th, when we were in Lat 30° and Lon. $46^{\circ} 30'$.

Sunday, the 9th of May, we spoke a sloop from Virginia, bound for Nevis, John Robertson, Master, fifteen days out, and in Lon. $62^{\circ} 30'$ by his account, though by ours we were only in $61^{\circ} 48'$. We had not seen any other vessel since Saturday, Aprile 10th.

We kept sailing between the Lat. of 30° and 33° from the 25th of April till Friday, the 14th of May, at which time we were in Lon. 68° . We stood then to the N. W., and on Wednesday, the 19th, we spoke the brigantine Carpenter, from Philadelphia, bound for Lisbon, Samuel Williams, Master, 35 leagues, E. S. E. of Cape Henlopen.

Thursday, the 20th, about 3 o'clock afternoon, we had the first sight of America, and about 9 o'clock at night we came to an anchor in Delaware bay in order to wait for a pilot.

Friday, the 21st, about 7 o'clock in the morning, we got our pilot aboard, when we loosed, and at night we came again to an anchor at the head of the bay.

Saturday, the 22nd, we loosed again about 7 o'clock in the morning, and about 3 o'clock we came to an anchor about a mile below Newcastle; about 6 o'clock same night the wind springing up fair we again loosed and got as far as the high lands of Crastine, where we again anchored.

Sunday, the 23d, we had the wind all down the river, and was obliged to turn up with the tide, and about 12 o'clock at night, came to an anchor below Philadelphia, where we were obliged to stay till the health officer came on board to visit the passengers, each of which had to pay to him one shilling sterling.

Monday, the 24, at 12 o'clock, we came to one of the wharfs, the whole distance we sailed being about 5000 miles by the log.

When we arrived here Alexander Semple was standing on the wharf ready to receive us in order to conduct us to his brother's house, where accidentally we met with Dr. Witherspoon, who informed us that he had a township of land called Ryegate, in the Province of New York, upon Connecticut River, containing about 23,000 acres, which he was ready to dispose of, in order to serve us, in case we thought it would suit our purpose, but in the meantime desired us to make every other trial, and not be too hasty in making a bargain, and instantly desired us to call for him at Princetown, on our way to New York.

We stayed in Philadelphia three days, where we were very kindly entertained by our friends and acquaintances, part of which time we spent in viewing this city, which perhaps is the best laid out in the world, the streets are all broad and straight, and all cross each other at right angles, extending itself upon the banks of the Delaware between two or three miles, and about one mile back here is an excellent market for every article that farmers or others have to sell and commonly ready money. We had several offers of lands in this province, but deferred the viewing of them at this time as by our commission we were first to begin at New York, for which place we set out with the stage on Thursday, the 27, at

six o'clock in the morning, and arrived at Princetown at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, where we again met with Dr. Witherspoon, Robert and John Hyndman and James Findlay; we stayed here till the next stage day, which time we spent in viewing Doctor Witherspoon's plantations, as also receiving particular intelligence about the township of Ryegate from James Findlay and John Hyndman, who had both been lately on the ground.

We set off again with the stage and arrived at New York on Tuesday the first of June in the afternoon. On the road from Philadelphia to New York we came through several handsome little towns and crossed several navigable rivers.

The country here is generally well cleared & makes a very pleasant appearance especially in the province of Pensilvania.

On our arrival at New York we were conducted to one Mr. Winter's house for lodging, by Mr. Robert Hyslop, one of our fellow passengers, who had been eight years in this place before.

Wednesday, June 2d, we were directed to Mr. Mason by the same person, where we had the pleasure to meet with Mr. Marshal from Philadelphia, and having delivered our letters of recommendation to them, they promised to do everything in their power to serve us, being exceedingly well pleased with our plan, and went immediately along with us to several gentlemen in this city who they knew had lands to dispose of and desired them to make out their proposals to us as soon as possible, on account that we wanted soon to leave the town.

We stayed here eight days, which time we employed in informing ourselves where lands was to be got from surveyors and others that was acquaint in the country, and several gentlemen in this place have given us letters to their correspondents in the country to show us their lands.

Saturday, the 5th, the Matty arrived here from Philadelphia, & on the 8th we wrote home.

Wednesday, the 9th, having got our business over in this place, we set off in a sloop for Albany, commanded by one Captain Cuyler, and on Thursday, the 10th about 4 o'clock in the morning, the wind being contrary, we came to an anchor at a place called the butterhill about 66 miles above New York, and on Friday night we came to Pokeepsie wharf, which is 33 miles from York from whence we loosed on Saturday morning, and at night we arrived at Albany, and was conducted to the house of Mr. Cartwright for lodging by our Captain.

The banks of Hudson's River from a little above New York to within twelve miles of Albany appears to be very barren, being mostly rocky on both sides, and in some places exceeding high and all covered with small wood.

Albany is much about the size of Port Glasgow, the houses built of brick and wood, and the streets very broad, and pretty regular, and the country on the river side is very pleasant.

On Monday, the 14th, we delivered the letters we had from our friends in N. York to several men in this place, especially one to Mr. Campbell, who informed us that he knew a good many lands

in several parts of the Province, but the best he knew of was on the Mohawk river belonging to Sir William Johnson*, Bart., and was so good as to give us a letter of recommendation to him.

On Tuesday, the 15th, we set out for Johnstown, and arrived there on Wednesday, the 16th, about 5 o'clock afternoon, and lodged with one Mr. Tice. From Albany to Scenectady, which is 16 miles, the country is barren sand covered with pine. Scenectady is a handsome little town, and stands on the south bank of the Mohawk river, at which place we ferried over the river. The flats upon this river from this to Johnstown are all very fine land, but as you ascend the country it is very stoney, tho the soil is good and covered with oak, beech, walnut, and hickory and divers other kinds of wood. About an hour after we came to Johnstown we met with Sir William Johnson at our lodging, who told us that he had plenty of lands either to set or sell, and appointed to-morrow at 9 o'clock to meet with him at his house which appointment we kept, but he being taken ill of a cholic we could have no access to him till Friday afternoon, at which time he ordered a surveyor to go along with us to show us the lands of which Mr. Campbell spoke, which is one of the places which he had a mind to sell.

On Saturday morning we set off along with the surveyor to view the above mentioned lands, and having passed over a large patent of very fine land, which he only leases on the following terms, viz.: The first five years free, and ever after at six pounds the hundred acres, York currency, reserving to himself all coals or other minerals which may be found in the ground. We next came upon the lands he proposed selling to us, which also is tolerable good land tho not so good as the last mentioned tract. The situation seemed to us not very agreeable, being about 12 or 14 miles from the Mohawk river and over a high hill, and some large swamps, also the price we thought high, being a dollar an acre. While we stayed here we bought two horses, viz.: one from Dr. Adams at eight pounds, and the other from Billy Luckey at nine York currency.

On Monday, the 21st, we set off from Johnstown by the same road we went up, till we came to Scenectady from whence we went along the south bank of the Mohawk river through an old Dutch settlement of excellent low land abounding with wheat and all other kinds of grain, and at night lodged at Loudons ferry.

[Two things very remarkable happened since we left York, viz.: on the 12th of June the frost was so strong that the ice in many places was as thick as a dollar and did a deal of harm to Indian

*NOTE. Sir William Johnson was born in Ireland in 1713, and was a nephew of Sir Peter Warren, by whom he was sent to take charge of his great estate in the Mohawk Valley, thirty miles north of Schenectady. He became an Indian trader, and married a sister of Joseph Brant, the great chief of the Six Nations. He was appointed superintendent of Indian Affairs in 1755, and acquired great influence over the Indian tribes. In the Old French War he was an officer of great fame. He died about a year after Whitelaw's visit. His son who succeeded him became a tory, and settled in Canada. Johnson Hall is still standing.

Corn, potatoes and other tender plants, and on the 17th Colonel Johnson's house was burnt by lightning, both things are very uncommon in this place.—Whitelaw's letter.]

On the 22nd we set out from Loudon's ferry, and after crossing the Mohawk river we came through a large tract of barren land, after which we came into a fine, large, well inhabited flat of good land on the banks of Hudsons river, and going up the river we went through Stillwater and Saratoga, a little above which we crossed the Hudsons river, and went along through a large flat covered with pines for three or four miles, then crossed Battenkill, which is a pretty large river and good land in many places on its banks, and at night we came to the house of Mr. Reid at Whitecreek, where John White stays, where we lodged till the 23d, on which we set out for Dr. Clark's where we were kindly entertained, and he gave us many friendly advices how to behave concerning our affairs, and several letters of recommendation to his acquaintances in several parts of America, and he told us he had some good lots of land to dispose of but not so much as to serve our purpose. [From there we were to have gone to Crown Point, but Dr. Clark told us that all the lands about Lake Champlain were in dispute between the two governors of York and New Hampshire, indeed all the land in the province between the Lake and Connecticut River.—Whitelaw's letter to the Company.]

On the 24th we set out from Dr. Clarks and came along the banks of Battenkill a great way, which is all high ground, and the settlers here apply themselves mostly to raising stock. By night we got as far as Manchester, where we lodged with one Mr. Allan.

The 25th in the morning we set out from Mr. Allans and for ten miles we had no road but only the trees marked and some places it was almost impossible to go through by reason of rocks, boggs, high mountains and other difficultys. We saw no house till twelve o'clock when we came to one Mr. Uttlies where we dined, then set out again on a road which was cut but as there was little repair on it, it was all choaked up in many places by old trees falling across it which made it little better than the former. Here we traviled 16 miles without seeing any house (except two or three which were forsaken by their inhabitants on account of some dispute which has subsided for some years between the Governments of New York and New Hampshire concerning their boundary line, so that the people which settled under one Government were so harrassed by the other that they have left their plantations and got new ones in places where there is no dispute). At night we lodged at Chester and on the 26th we crossed Connecticut river and came to Charlestown in New Hampshire, where Mr. Church lives who is partner with Dr. Witherspoon in Ryegate, and Monday, the 28th, we set out along with him to view it and arrived at it on Wednesday, the 30th in the morning, when we set out from the house of Mr. Hosmer, who lives on the town about a mile from the southeast corner. On our first outset we went along the River side through barren, hilly land, the wood mostly hemlock, and we crossed two pretty large brooks, both

fit for mills, after which we went westward over a tract of pretty good land, the wood, beech, mapple and some Hemlock and birch, till we came to the place pitched on by John Hyndman, [where William Nelson, Sen., afterwards lived,] then continuing west we went over a small piece of rocky land, then over a large tract of good land, the wood mostly beech and maple, with some ash and birch, and well watered with plenty of small brooks, then over about four chains of a rocky hill, then good land as before for a considerable way, then we came to a large pond, the banks of which are steep, barren land and mostly covered with hemlock and pine. We continued westward along the side of a large hill, in many places pretty steep and stoney, tho good ground and may be excellent pasture, the wood, beech, mapple, basswood and some ash, after which we traveled southward over a very large tract of exceeding good land, all lying towards the south and pretty level and may be very easy cleared, as the trees are at a distance from one another, and scarce any undergrowth, the wood, beech, maple and basswood, after which we went eastward over an excellent meadow, then over a small piece of barren, sandy ground covered with pines, then over good land till we came near the river side which is barren as before, and so ended our course.

On Friday, July 2nd, we returned and arrived at Charlestown on Saturday night. All this way which is about 72 miles is filled with new settlers, and the country in many places good land, but the most inconveniency is its distance from navigation. Ryegate lies more than 200 miles above Hartford, which is the fairest that sloops come up Connecticut river, above which it is only navigable for canoes, and there are four falls which makes about ten miles of land carriage, the nearest seaport to Ryegate is Portsmouth, which is about 100 miles and the road not good, however, they can sell the produce of their farms pretty high in the meantime to new settlers, they sell wheat commonly about four shill: ster. a bushel, Rye about the same, and Indian corn about three shillings. Beef about two pence and mutton the same, and pork about five pence, butter about 6 pence and Cheese about four pence half penny per pound, all ster:

On our way to Ryegate we lodged at Hanover, where Mr. Wheelock has his Indian Academy or College. When we went and called for him and told him what we had heard concerning his land before we left Scotland and he said he had about as much land now as would serve about 30 families, which he would give to settlers if they would but come and live upon it, and he said he would prefer Scotch people before any other, as he thought much of their religion and manner of Church government, but as the country settles so fast he expects it will all be settled in a short time, he told us he had at his College about 80 Students, above 30 of which were upon Charity and 17 of them Indians. [He invited us into prayers in his college where he prayed very earnestly for all the people who had contributed to the building and maintaining of the college.—Whitelaw to Company.]

On Monday, the 5, we left Charlestown and got on our way to York, and as the nearest and best road is down the east side of Connecticut River, we came through three of the New England Governments.: Newhampshire, Massachusetts Bay and Connecticut, we had the river always in our view, every now and then till we came to Hartford, in the Connecticut as Government, and it has many shallows and rifts in it all that way, but is so deep below that, that small sloops come that length, we saw nothing remarkable all this way, the part of Newhampshire government which we came through for many miles below Charlestown is poor, barren ground, but toward the lower end of it the ground is good and all well settled and has several pretty large towns, of which the most remarkable are Northfield, Sunderland, old Hadly and South Hadly, after we came into the Massachusetts Bay government, which has been all settled for a long time, and is a well inhabited and pleasant Country, abounding in all kinds of grain and has abundance of large orchards, and has many towns of Considerable bigness, such as Springfield, Suffield, Windsor, Hartford, Weathersfield, &c., next we came through Connecticut government, which is likewise an old, settled place, and pretty good land in many places, tho in most places very stoney, but the whole road is almost shaded with fruit trees, so that you may pull as many cherries and apples in their season as you please without going out of your road, and it is not uncommon for one farmer to make one hundred Barrels of Cyder in one year, each barrel containing eight Scotch Gallons. There are many large towns likewise in this government, such as New Haven, Milford, Stratford, Fairfield, Norwalk, Stamford and Horseneck. These are all along the Sea Coast. Next we came again into York Government, which in this place is exceeding stoney, though the soil is in many places pretty good, and they have likewise abundance of large orchards. And after coming through several small towns on the coast, such as Rye, New Rochel, East Chester, and Kingsbridge, we arrived again at New York on Monday the 12 of July, after a seven days' ride from Charlestown.

The people here are affable and discreet and of a fair Complexion. The women in particular are very handsome and beautiful. The Indians, of which we saw plenty at Johnston, are of a tawny Complexion, and of an ordinary size, and goe almost naked excepting a kind of blanket which they wrap about their shoulders, and two pieces of skin, one of which hangs down before and another behind to cover their nakedness. They seem to be very fond of jewels, a great many of them wearing ear rings, bracelets and nose jewels, which is an ear ring which they hang between their mouth and nose, the gristle of their nose being pierced for that use. They have their faces for the most part painted with red and black Stroaks. They have straight black hair, which their squas or women always wear long. We saw one man of them in particular, which besides all the forementioned jewels, had a round piece of leather hung before his breast, which was all drove full of white headed nails, and had a great number of buttons and

other trinkets hung round it. He had a cap made of some beasts skin, with the hair on it, and a long tail hanging down to the small of his back and 20 or 30 womens Thimbles hung to the end of it, and as he went along made a mighty noise by the tinkling of his Thimbles, buttons and other jewels.

They have here an excellent breed of horses, black cattle, sheep, and vast numbers of hoggs, and their land produces Indian Corn, Rye, Wheat, peas, barley, oats and flax. Their Indian Corn will produce 50 bushels per acre, Rye and wheat from 20 to 30 bushels per acre, barley, peas and oats about the same quantity, the common prices through this province are much the same as those which you find before in the description of Ryegate. They sow their flax very thin, as their only intention is to raise seed and they do not pull it till it be quite ripe.

The weather since we came to this country has been mostly dry and for the most part clear. The heat tho they tell us, has been for some weeks rather more than common is noways intolerable, tho a good deal warmer than at home. We stayed at New York three days, which time we spent informing ourselves about the Southern Provinces, and also to refresh our horses which were very much fatigued.

On the 15th, at noon, we set off for Philadelphia and come to Princetown on the 16th at night, here we staid till the 19th. Dr. Witherspoon being so good as to find us pasture for our horses, which was very rare to be got on account of the great drought, the like of which has not been known these many years.

Doctor Witherspoon has now made us his proposals concerning Ryegate, and his terms are these, if we take the whole, reserving to them 2000 acres, two shillings ster: P acre, if three-fourths reserving them 1500 acres, 3-3 York Currency, and if we take only one-half, three shillings York money. But he advised us to be at all due pains, and if we should find a better place for our purpose, to take it, as he is very fond that our scheme should succeed.

Princetown is a handsome little town and stands on a pleasant situation, and the College is said to be the best and the largest building in America, and at present contains upwards of 100 students, besides about 80 Latin scholars.

CHAPTER V.

WHITELAW'S JOURNAL.—CONTINUED.

OBSERVATIONS IN SOUTHERN PENNSYLVANIA.—THE OHIO COUNTRY.—MARYLAND VIRGINIA.—OBSERVATIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA.—THE EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND.—PURCHASE OF RYEGATE.

This journal of Mr. Whitelaw's is made up of extracts by himself from his letters to Scotland. Copies of some of these were found among the Whitelaw papers, and give many additional particulars, although the most important of them are here given. They visited some spots which, later, became historic. Not only did they cross the estate of Mount Vernon, and might have seen Washington himself, then a retired colonel of Virginia militia, but they crossed the site of the present city of Washington.

At Saratoga they traversed the region where, four years later, General Burgoyne was overthrown. His account of places which, then in their infancy, afterwards became great and opulent cities, is very interesting.

On the 19th, after dining with the President, we left this place and arrived at Philadelphia on the 20th, in the afternoon. Here we stayed till the 26th, which time we spent informing ourselves about this and the Southern Provinces, in which we was much assisted by Mssrs. Semple, Sproat, Milliken, Stewart and Marshall, who gave us letters themselves, and also caused others of their acquaintances to give us letters to their several correspondents, to give us any assistance or advice that they could.

On the 26th in the afternoon we left this place and proceeded on our way to Shamokin or Fort Augusta, and arrived there on the 30th. The lands on this road are pretty flat and also good for the most part for about 50 miles from Philadelphia, and the houses mostly built of stone and mostly possessed by Dutch and Germans, but as you advance the country it is mountainous and exceeding rocky so that it is scarce fit for settling, tho the lands are all taken up and surveyed till you come within 8 miles of the fort, where the land becomes more flat and very good. We had a good deal of difficulty to find provisions on this road, as at one place we had 17 miles without a house and the next stage we had 23 miles, and little to be got when we came to these houses at fort Augusta. We lodged with one Mr. Hunter till the 2d of August, which time we employed in informing ourselves about the lands here and on the other parts of the Susquhanna, which had been much recommended to us by some people in Philadelphia but we found that there was no one place large enough for our purpose but plenty too large for our money, as wood lands sells here from 20 to 50 shillings pr. acre. Here they have laid out a new

town much after the plan of Philadelphia which is building very fast. Here we met with some more of our old friends, the Indians, who spoke English very well, and were likewise very courteous, particularly one John Hendrick, son to King Hendrick, one of the Mohawk Sachems, who was much renowned for a great warrior.

On the 2d of August we left this place and set out for Carlile. We rode the Susquehanna a little below the new town (which is called Sanbury) where it was upwards of half a mile broad, as it took us 22 minutes to cross it, and it is about 2 feet deep upon an average from side to side, and the stream pretty rapid, and at this time it is at its lowest pitch.

The ground along the banks of this river is very flat and good for about 8 miles, and watered by two small rivers, called Penns Creek and Middle Creek, then it is rocky for several miles, then tolerable flat and good till you come to the Blue Mountain, and well watered by Juniatta river, after Crossing the blue Mountain we came into the County of Carlile, which is pretty level and good land about the town and all well settled. This, like all other American towns, is laid out in squares, with straight streets, and contains a good deal of inhabitants.

On Thursday, the 5th, we set out on our way to Alexander Thomson's, and on our way lodged with Allan Scrogg, a farmer from Scotland, to whom we had been recommended. Here we met with an uncommon large spring, which in the dryest season of the year affords sufficient water for two breast milns. From this we went to Alexr. Scrogg's who is brother to the former, they have both got large plantations, and Alexander in particular told us that about 36 years ago they came over young men and he had only twenty pounds of stock and went along viewing the country till he spent a great part of it, then went to labour for some time after, after which he bought a large plantation, and when his oldest son married, he gave him one half of it, and bought another to his second son for 700 pounds, and what he has yet in his own hand free of debt he says he will not part with for a thousand pounds.

From this we came to Shippensburg which is a small town containing 50 or 60 houses,—here we got directions for finding Alexander Thomson's which is about seven miles from this place, and we arrived at his house in the afternoon, where we was kindly entertained, as he had been looking for us a long time. Here we stayed ten days to refresh our horses, which was in very much need of it by this time. He has got an excellent plantation of 400 acres of land for which he paid 500£ currency, which is nigh 300£ ster: It lies about 150 miles from Philadelphia, but their nighest landing is Baltimore in Maryland, which is only 90 miles from him, though they have to cross the blue ridge in going to it. This is a fertile soil and all lying upon limestone and this valley continues through all the Provinces of Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia, and lies between the Blue ridge and North Mountain, and as it goes southward grows wider till it is so broad that one can scarce see over it. The south side of it is all limestone and

exceeding good land, and the north part of it is what they call slate land and is not very good.

Alexander Thomson had 50 acres Clear when he bought his plantation, and has cleared other 50 himself, he has plenty of all kinds of grain and he seems to be exceedingly well pleased with his situation, and they have never one of his family been sick since he came to this place, and he says he thinks people are in general more healthy there than in Scotland. He told us that all the lands in or nigh that place was taken up but he could buy plenty of single plantations with improvements on them for about three pounds sterling an acre, as he told us that many people in that neighborhood was selling their plantations and going back to the Ohio, and he thought that would be the best place for us. But after we made all the enquiry about it that we could, we did not think it a fit place for us. For though it is allowed by all to be the best land in America, yet it lies entirely out of the way of all trade, being 300 miles of land carriage from the nearest navigation, and the river itself is fit for no other vessels but canoes or battoes of two or three tons burden, and the lowest settlements on the Ohio are above 2000 miles from the mouth of the Mississippi, and tho two men can go down with one of those battoes in twenty days, yet twelve men will have much adoe to bring it up again in five months, so that there is little probability of ever having much trade there, and though the people can have some sale for their produce in the meantime to new settlers, yet in a few years that market will naturally cease, and though they can raise all the necessarys of life, they can never have any money for their grain, as the price of two bushels will have adoe to bring one to market, and salt sells there just now at 20 shillings a bushel. Rum, and all other things which are brought from the sea coast sells at the like extravagant price.

The province of Pennsylvania seems the most desirable to live in of any place we have yet seen, but it is mostly settled where it is good, and what is to settle is very dear as you cannot have an acre of good land within 150 miles of any landing for less than twenty or thirty shillings.

Here the people are kind and discreet, except the Dutch or Germans who inhabit the best lands in this province, who are a set of people that mind nothing of gayety, but live niggardly and gather together money as fast as they can without having any intercourse with anybody but among themselves. Most of the people in this Province look fresh and healthy, except the women who have for the most part lost their teeth, with eating too many fruits which they have here in great plenty.

Here they have plenty of good horses and all other kinds of cattle, and the ground produces wheat, barley, Rye, Indian Corn, oats, buckwheat, flax, peas and beans of various kinds. They have likewise Melons, Cucumbers, squashes, gourds and pumpkins growing in the open fields, and their gardens are well supplied with all kinds of roots and other garden stuffs that are to be found in Europe.

The air is commonly clear, and the country is as healthy as any place in Europe, excepting only where there are large Marshes or ponds of stagnated water, which is dangerous for agues but we have not yet seen one have the ague since we came to the Country. The summer is pretty hot, but not to such a degree as people at home are taught to believe. They tell us the winters are mostly frosty, but clear, sun shine weather, which prevents it from being so cold as it would otherways be.

On Tuesday, August 17, we left Alexander Thomsons and set out towards the south, and after passing a very small town called Chamberstown, we came into the Province of Maryland, and lodged at night in a handsome little town of about 150 houses, called Heagerstown. We left this in the morning, and came next to Sharpsburg, which is about the same bigness, and about mid-day came to Potomack river, and crossed over to Shepherdstown in Virginia.

This small part of Maryland which we came through is part of the forementioned valley and is very good land and all settled.

Shepherdstown is upon the banks of the Potomack (but about 70 miles above the falls) and contains about 70 or 80 houses. Here we met with Thomas White, and he and us spent the evening in viewing the town and the country about it, and in the morning went along with us to his acquaintances through the country to make what inquiry we could about lands, but could hear of none in this government without going 2 or 300 miles from navigation. The country here is very good and the people healthy.

We next set out for Carolina and after Crossing Shanadore river we came over the blue ridge and down to the heart of Virginia, and we went down the south side of Potomack river and came through several towns such as Alexandria, Colchester, Dumfrie and Aquaia, and then across the Country and crossed Rappahannock River between Falmouth and Fredericksburgh and next we crossed the head of York River at Herrs bridge, then over James river and so through the country and over Roanoak at Taylor's Ferry, after which we came into North Carolina.

The people in the lower parts of Virginia complain much of sickness at this season of the year, but higher up they are pretty healthy. Here they have excellent Indian Corn in some places, but the ground is mostly sandy and poor, and the places that are good are all planted with Tobacco, and here is but little wheat or other grain. The planters here live well and are all quite idle, as none but negroes work here, of which some planters will have several hundreds, which at an average are worth 60 or 70 pounds ster: apiece, and in these all their riches consists, for there are few of them but are in debt to the storekeepers, and it commonly takes all their Crops to Cloath themselves and their negroes. But those that are industrious and labour themselves, and particularly they who make grain, can make a good deal of money, as the grain sells pretty well and does not require one half of the labour that tobacco does.

About four miles from Roanoak we came into North Carolina, and went right to Mr. Allason's house. The land from the line of the

province to this place is for the greatest part very sandy and much of it covered with pines, and in some places a kind of red clay mixed with sand, and the wood mostly oak here. Mr. Allason has got a good plantation lying along the side of a creek, and he tells us he has bought two other good plantations, and could buy plenty more very reasonably, but he does not think that our scheme will suit this place well, as there are no tracts of good land to be had in one place, as the good lands lie mostly in narrow strips along the water sides, and the people settle on these places and keep the high grounds for range to their Cattle, for which they are excellent, as these pine grounds are all covered with excellent grass. (We arrived here on Tuesday, August the 31 in the afternoon). The lands here sells from ten to twenty shillings P. acre, and we can hear of no person that has any large tract in one place to dispose of.

On Wednesday, the 8th of September, we left Mr. Allasons and at night arrived at Bute, where we were kindly entertained by Mr. William Park, from Renfrew and after telling him our plan, he advised us to Call upon one Mr. Montfort, in Halifax, who he told us had the best tract of land to dispose of that he knew of in that country. Mr. Park was so kind as to give us a letter of recommendation to him, we had likewise a letter of recommendation to him from Mr. David Sproat in Philadelphia.

On Thursday, the 9th, we left Bute and arrived at Halifax on Friday forenoon when we went and Called for the above mentioned Mr. Montfort who used us very civilly and told us of several tracts of land that he had to dispose of, one of which lay in Bute County and was the one recommended to us by Mr. Park. He told us that it contained nearly 6000 acres, the whole as well watered as any tract of the same quantity in America, having many very constant and fresh running streams through it. There is not 200 acres in the whole but what he told us is fit for tillage and much of it excellent for wheat and tobacco. He told us there were 4 plantations Cleared and tended thereon, perhaps the 4 Containing in all about 400 acres of cleared land, all the rest wood land. He told us likewise that there was a good grist mill on a fine constant stream, which has never too much or too little water, and that there are several barns & small houses on the different plantations and his price is 9000£ Virginia Currency or 7000£ sterling. He likewise told us that he had a tract of land in Halifax County of about 2400 acres, one part of which is within 4 miles of Halifax town, and the farthest part of it is about 7 or 8 miles from said town. There is in this tract a great variety of kinds of soil, it is all level and pretty well watered, is mostly wood land, some a light sandy soil, some a very strong Marley soil, and very stiff, other parts a mixture between the two, finely timbered with Pine, oak and Hickory, a great deal of it proper for making the finest meadows. This land he will sell for 1000 pounds ster. if taken soon, and he says is worth a great deal more.

He told us also of another tract of land that he had on the head of Broad River, in Tryon County, Containing nearly 7000 acres,

and all of it as rich, fine land as any yet discovered in America, being all of it Cane land or high low grounds, which never overflows and grows full of Cane reeds, well timbered and watered and most excellent for raising cattle and Horses. It is all naturally enclosed by the steep, high mountains from the west side round by the north by the east, and is only open to the southeast where a waggon road may go easy and level along the river side into the land. This place was formerly known by the name of Montfort's Cove. This land pays to the Crown four shillings Proclamation money of North Carolina P. hundred quit rent P. annum.

He will take one thousand five hundred pounds ster. for this tract of land if a purchaser offers soon and pays down at the time of agreement and receiving title, but unless that happens within six or seven months of this time, he says he will not take under two thousand that money. He says if the whole is not as good land as to be found in the upper, he will not desire any person to be bound by the bargain they make for it.

About 80 miles from this land there are one or two places of trade on rivers Navigable for large Boats—it lies 200 miles to Charlestown on a fine waggon road.

After having dined with Mr. Montfort we set out on our way for Edinton, where we arrived on Monday, the 13th. The country a good way down from Halifax is nothing but barren sand, and when you go lower down the ground is low, flat and marshy and along the banks of the Roanoak the lands are very rich, but so low and flat that in great freshets the river overflows it for several miles and sweeps all before it. The land about Edinton is all either barren sand or watery swamps. When we came to Edinton we called for Mr. Smith, to whom we had been recommended by Mr. Sproat in Philadelphia. He told us of large tracts of good land upon pretty good navigation, but the price high and the Climate sickly. As to the soil of Carolina we have told in the beginning of our description of it that there are strips of good ground along the sides of rivers and creeks, and the rest sandy and mostly Covered with pines and fit for nothing but raising of cattle which is the only thing the people in this country depend upon. The grass in the woods is rank and good, and the winter being short they can rear cattle without much cost or care. The soil will produce Indian Corn pretty well, which is the only grain the people live upon. Some of their ground will produce wheat, but in small quantitys and it must be thrashed out immediately when cut, or else they lose it by being eat by a small insect called a wevle. They have cotton, tobacco and some small quantitys of indigo and rice in some places, but the Culture of indigo is so unhealthy that they reason if a negro lives ten years and works among it they have a good bargain of him.

NOTE. John Wilson, an early settler of Ryegate, and a native of Scotland, afterwards went to sea; and, about 1815, was living at Edinton (Edmandton) whence he wrote to General Whitelaw.

As to the climate, it is exceedingly hot in June, July and August, and very Cold in January and February, and the rest of the year temperate, and in the back parts the people are healthy, but after we came below Halifax we did not enter one single house but we found sick persons, and in some we could not find one whole person to feed our horses. As to religion, we scarce saw any appearance of it in this Country, but the establishment is Episcopal.

Finding that we could do nothing there, we left Edinton on Monday afternoon, and returned on our way to the North Country again, and in our way passed through Suffolk, which is a handsome little town in the lower parts of Virginia, and on Wednesday, the 15th, we got to Norfolk, which is the largest town in Virginia, and stands on a river deep enough to bring large ships up to the town. This town seems to be about the bigness of Greenock, and seems to have a good deal of trade. Here we was obliged to stay till Saturday before we could get a fair wind to Carry us over the Bay. This passage is about 60 miles, viz. : from Norfolk down to the Bay 25 miles; across the bay to the eastern shore 35 miles. We crossed this bay (viz. Cheesapeak) within sight of the Capes of Virginia, and by going this road we brought 14 ferrys all into one which we would have had to cross if we had gone by the post road, and we likewise shortened our road above 20 miles. After crossing at this place we went through several handsome little towns, such as Snowhill, Crossroads, Dover, Wilmington, Chester and Derby, and arrived at Philadelphia on the 26th of September. All the way from Edinton till you come within about 60 miles of Philadelphia the ground is light and sandy and for the most part does not produce above 10 or 12 bushels of wheat P. acre, but when you come within 60 miles of Philadelphia, the ground Changes from sand to good brown earth and will produce large crops of wheat or any other grain, here it is exceeding pleasant traveling at this season of the year, as the fields are all quite green with young wheat which makes a much better appearance than it does in Scotland at this time of the year.

We traveled about 500 miles (viz. from Halifax in Carolina to Dover which is within 80 miles of Philadelphia) without seeing a stone of any kind, or any sort of eminence, the ground being for the most part sandy and perfectly level, and in all that 500 miles we was not in five houses but some of the people was sick of the fever and ague or some other disease, but we have reason to bless God that though we have traveled through such a sickly country, we are now arrived in perfect health at a place where such sicknesses seldom or never appear. [I never expected to have stood the journey so well—for though we have rode more than 500 miles since we bought our horses, I have not been in the least weary, and the cough I had in Scotland has entirely disappeared. —Letter.]

After having refreshed ourselves and horses and discussed what business we had to do, we left Philadelphia on the first of October and came to Princetown that night, and next day we bargained with Dr. Witherspoon for one-half of the township of Ryegate.

We left Princeton on the 5th and arrived at New York on the 6th, and James Henderson arrived here from Philadelphia, with his chest and tools on the 9th and having found a sloop to carry James Henderson with his and our Chests and what Tools and other utensils we had purchased, to Hartford, on the Connecticut river, and having discussed what other business we had to do, we left New York on 19th of Oct., and arrived at Newbury or Kohass on the 1st day of November, and put up with Jacob Bayly, Esq., to whom we was recommended by John Church, Esq., one of the proprietors of Ryegate, and James Henderson arrived about a week after us in a canoe with our chests and tools and some provisions we had bought down the Country, such as Rum, Salt, Molasses, etc. On the 30th of the month Mr. Church came up and we divided the town, the south part whereof has faln to us, which in our opinion, and in the opinion of all that knows it, has the advantage of the north in many respects. 1st, it is the best land in general. 2d, nearest to provisions which we have in plenty within 3 or 4 miles and likewise within 6 of a grist and two miles of a saw miln, all of which are great advantages to a new settlement. 3d, we have several brooks with good seats for milns, and likewise Wells River runs through part of our purchase and has water enough for 2 breast milns at the driest season of the year, of which the north part is almost entirely destitute. 4th, there is a fall in Connecticut river just below our uppermost line which causeth a carrying place for goods going up or down the river. 5th, we are within six miles of a good Presbyterian meeting and there is no other minister above that place.

CHAPTER VI.

THE SETTLEMENT BEGUN.

EXPENSES OF THE COMMISSIONERS.—AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHURCH AND THE COMMISSIONERS.—DR. WITHERSPOON —JOHN WITHERSPOON.—NEWBURY.—SURVEY OF RYEGATE.—DAVID ALLAN.—FIRST DEATH.—DEED OF RYEGATE.

WHILE waiting at Newbury for Mr. Church to come up, Mr. Whitelaw made a report of the expenses of the commissioners to that date, which he transmitted to Scotland.* He credited the Company with £100 sterling in cash and bills of exchange, which they had expended as follows:

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To Traveling Expences before purchasing,	38	9	3
To Expences of James Henderson, his and the Co.'s tools, and his and our chests from Philadelphia to Ryegate,	9	9	11½
To Horses, Tolls, House and Household furniture,	23	1	7½
To Exchange on our last Draught to Wil- lard Sample, of £35 ster.	0	15	4½
To Provisions,	15	00	0
To Balance remaining in our hands,	3	00	0
	£100	00	0

He concluded his report with some observations which are of value:

"The ground here produces Indian Corn, and all kinds of English grain to perfection, likewise all garden vegetables in great plenty, and they have very promising orchards of excellent fruit. Many things grow here in the open fields which the climate of Scotland will not produce, such as melons, cucumbers, pumpkins and the like. Salmon and trout and a great many other kinds of fish are caught in plenty in Connecticut river. Sugar can be made here in abundance

*Whitelaw's letter to the Company, Nov. 17th, 1763.—Whitelaw papers.

NOTE. When the present editor took charge of this work, he supposed that nothing could be said regarding the early history of the town, beyond the data collected by Mr. Mason and Mr. Miller. But the unexpected discovery among the Whitelaw papers of much of the original correspondence, records, etc., not known by Mr. Miller to be in existence, rendered an entirely different treatment necessary. The editor has endeavored to prepare the work as nearly as possible as he believes Mr. Miller would have done, had he lived to complete his task, and had access to the same sources of information.

in March and April from the maple tree which grows in great plenty. In short, no place which we have seen is better furnished with food and the necessities of life, and even some of its luxuries, or where the people live more comfortably than here. There is a good market of all the produce of the ground at the following prices: Wheat from $\frac{3}{6}$ to $\frac{4}{6}$,* the English bushel. Oats and Indian corn from $\frac{1}{6}$ to 2 shill. Butter 6 d. the English pound. Cheese $4\frac{1}{2}$ d. Beef 2d Pork $4\frac{1}{2}$ d. all sterling money. The country produceth excellent flax, which sells when swungled, from $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 6d. the pound. Considering the newness of the country the people here are very prosperous, and we think that any who come here, and are steady and industrious, may be in very comfortable circumstances within a few years. Clearing land seems to be no great hardship as it is commonly done for from 5 to 6 dollars per acre."

Mr. Whitelaw closes his letter to the Company with some instructions to intending emigrants, as to the best manner of reaching Ryegate, which are of interest in showing what the roads were to this part of the country just before the revolutionary war. He advises people to come to Newburyport, rather than to Portsmouth or Boston, as he says there was a very good wagon road all the way, and the country more settled. "When you come there you will enquire for Capt. Moses Little, Merchant, and he will give you directions for conveying yourselves and your chests hither." Mr. Little, for whom the town of Littleton is named, was a brother-in-law of Gen. Jacob Bayley of Newbury, and had large interests in this part of New England. On the arrival of Mr. Church at Gen. Jacob Bayley's in Newbury, the following agreement was drawn up to secure the purchase till a proper title-deed could be given, which, for reasons yet to appear, was delayed for a time.

NEWBURY, Nov. 19th, 1773.

The agreement between John Church, Esq., of Charlestown in Newhampshire, and taking burden upon him for John Witherspoon, President of the College of New Jersey, and John Pagan, Merchant in Glasgow, and William Pagan, Merchant in New York, on the one part, and David Allan and James Whitelaw, Commissioners for the Scotch American Company of Farmers, is as follows: After surveying the township of Ryegate, and making out a plan thereof we found the Contents to be twenty-one thousand one hundred and sixty-four acres, including the public lots, viz.: Five hundred acres for the Governor, eight hundred and forty-two acres for the Glebe, first settled minister, school, and for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, and after running a Centrical line, to divide the Township into two equal parts in quantity, it was mutually agreed between the above-mentioned parties that the aforesaid David Allan and James Whitelaw in consequence of their agreement with John Witherspoon, President of the College, is to have the half south of the Centrical line, which line begins at Connecticut river near the falls and runs north sixty-five degrees west till it strikes the west line of the town, which half is bordered with the Governor's five hundred acres lying as it is planned on the Patent, and one share and one-half of the public right which by computation amounts to

*Three shillings, sixpence, to four shillings, sixpence.

* Whitelaw Papers.

about three hundred and fifteen acres, and a hundred acres to Aaron Hosmer covering his improvements and extending not above one hundred rods on the river and half a mile back, and likewise one hundred acres to John Hyndman lined off in regular form to which agreement we have interchangeably set our hand and seal in the presence of

JACOB BAYLEY,
SAM'L STEVENS,

JOHN CHURCH [Seal].
DAVID ALLAN [Seal].
JAMES WHITELAW [Seal].

The actual deed for the south half of Ryegate was not given for nearly a year from the above date, but this agreement was sufficient to secure the possession of the land. This delay is explained by the following letter:

NEW YORK, 23d. Feb. 1774.

GENTLEMEN:

Herewith you have five letters which came to my hand, and which I have not before had an opportunity of conveying to you.

Mr. Church on his coming to town informed me that he had come into a division of Ryegate with you, which I have seen and agreed to; he likewise mentioned that you was anxious to have the deeds completed, which both doctor Witherspoon and myself would with pleasure do, but find that we cannot give a more firm title than you already have, till such time as it is Decided what Province Ryegate falls under, as a deed in the present situation would answer no better purpose than the Instrument you have, under the doctor's hand, which I am willing in every respect to confirm, and will join in a Warrantee deed as soon as the controversy is determined between the two provinces which must soon now be determined, as both our Governor and that of New Hampshire goes home this spring in order to have the Controversary finally settled before His Majesty in Council. Whatever Province Ryegate falls under, we are entirely safe, having a Patent under the one and an Order in Council under the other. You need not be in the least uneasy, but go on with your settlement as if you had the most firm deed now in your possession.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your very humble servant,
WM. PAGAN.

MESSRS. DAVID ALLAN }
AND } Ryegate.
JAMES WHITELAW. }

The settlement of Ryegate may be dated from the month of November, 1773, when James Whitelaw and David Allan came into possession of the south half of the town, in behalf of the Scotch American Company. It will be remembered that Aaron Hosmer and Daniel Hunt were living there, and had lived there for some time, but they were merely squatters, and had no title to any of the land on which they lived.

John Hyndman had also been settled there, through the agency of Dr. Witherspoon, and had "pitched" upon land which afterward became the farm of William Nelson. Both Hosmer and Hyndman were given grants of land.

It is now a suitable place to speak of the distinguished man to whom the choice of Ryegate, as a place of settlement, was mainly due. Rev. Dr. Witherspoon was born at Gifford, Haddingtonshire, Scotland, Feb. 5, 1722, the son of a minister of the church of Scotland, and, through his mother, a descendant of John Knox. He entered the University of Edinburgh at the age of 14, and at 22, was ordained over the Congregation of Beith, in the west of Scotland, and married Elizabeth Montgomery. He was a spectator of the battle of Falkirk, Jan. 17, 1746, was taken prisoner by the rebels, and confined in Doune Castle till after the battle of Culloden. His health never fully recovered from the confinement. He was called to become pastor of the church at Paisley, and installed there, Jan. 16, 1757. Some theological and metaphysical works of his attracted great attention, and he received the degree of D. D., in 1764, from the University of Aberdeen. In 1766 he declined the call to become president of Princeton College, in New Jersey, but on its renewal in 1768, he accepted it, and removed to America. Under his administration the college prospered greatly, until the revolutionary war. He was an early advocate of the freedom of the colonies, and was a member of the Provincial Congress of New Jersey. In June, 1776, he took his seat in the Continental Congress, was one of the most prominent advocates of independence, and a signer of the Declaration.* He died Nov. 15, 1794. Dr. Witherspoon invested quite extensively in lands in Vermont, especially in Ryegate and Newbury, which, ultimately, owing partly to the war, proved a financial loss to him.

He visited Ryegate and Barnet several times where he preached and baptized children.

His oldest son, John, came to Ryegate about 1775, and settled on what is still called the "Witherspoon tract" of 600 acres, in the north-west corner of the town, where he began to clear land, and erected some kind of habitation. He entered the Continental Army, became an aid to General Washington, and fell at the battle of Germantown. This tract, about 1800, was bought by James and Abraham Whitehill, at which

* A statue of John Witherspoon, now unveiled in Washington, represents the Revolutionary sire of Princeton University, whose president he was during the period of the American Revolution. Witherspoon was Scotch and Presbyterian. In the debate over the Declaration of Independence, which he signed, the college president said: "For my own part, of property I have some, of reputation I have more: that reputation is staked, that property is pledged, on the issue of this contest. And although these gray hairs must soon descend into the sepulcher, I would infinitely rather that they descend thither by the hand of the executioner than desert at this crisis the sacred cause of my country." That was the serious Scotch way of stating the case. Benjamin Franklin, with immortal wit, on the same occasion, remarked: "If we don't hang together we'll hang separately."—[*Springfield Republican*, May, 1909.]

time the land cleared by Major Witherspoon was covered by a second growth of trees. The spot where this unfortunate gentleman lived is still pointed out.*

It seems strange that Ryegate possesses no memorial of Dr. Witherspoon, who was thus connected with its early history, and who had so much to do with shaping the religious course of the town. To the end of his life he manifested an interest in the affairs of the colony, and was a correspondent of Rev. David Goodwillie in the early days of the Associate Presbyterian church. It has been proposed to give his eminent name to that beautiful sheet of water, which, embosomed among the hills of Ryegate, has always borne an undignified appellation, in no way associated with Indian traditions or local history.

Of John Church very little can be ascertained. He lived in Charlestown, and the history of that town says that he died in 1785, leaving several children.

One of the chief reasons for the selection of Ryegate as a place of settlement was undoubtedly the fact that the commissioners liked the people of Newbury better than those they had met anywhere in the south. In his letters to Scotland, Mr. Whitelaw speaks of them and of their cordial reception of them in the highest terms. "They are," he wrote, "very strict about keeping the Sabbath." The first settlers also were congenial in their religious views, Rev. Peter Powers their minister being a Presbyterian, and the church at Newbury was organized upon a Presbyterian platform. Mr. Whitelaw himself found at Newbury, a personal attraction, which later, he transferred to the new township.

Newbury, at that time, contained about 400 white inhabitants, most of whom dwelt along the river road from the Ox-bow to Bradford line, (although there were settlements at West Newbury and at Wells River), the most thickly settled portion being near the Great Ox-bow. The meeting house of that day, which was also used for a court house, stood across the road from the cemetery. Haverhill had about as many people, and its center of population was at what we now call North Haverhill. Among the settlers in both towns, according to the statement of Timothy Clark in 1850,¹ were about twenty Indian families, who lived by hunting and fishing, the remnants of several tribes. These settlements were known as the Coös Country, and together, formed the strongest community in this part of New England. There were several men in Newbury at that early day who were widely known, and who left their mark

*In the historical sketch of Caledonia Co., written by Rev. Thomas Goodwillie, he says, "On one of his visits to Ryegate Dr. Witherspoon rode the saddle on which his son sat at the battle of Germantown, and which bore the mark of the ball which killed him."

¹ Arthur Livermore's diary.

upon the community. One of them was Col. William Wallace, who came from Scotland before 1774, and opened a store. He had great influence in Ryegate. To mention no others Col. (afterwards Gen.) Jacob Bayley, was a tower of strength to the whole region in the trying times of the revolutionary war.

Of the first days in Ryegate we will let Mr. Whitelaw tell the tale, supplementing the narrative with such other information as has come down to us.

"When we came here John Hyndman was building his house so we helped him up with it both for the conveniency of lodging with him till we built one of our own² and had it finished about the beginning of January, 1774. Nothing worth noticing happened till the spring, only we cut down as much wood as we could, and James Henderson made what wooden utensils we had occasion for, and James Whitelaw went down to Newburyport and Portsmouth and brought a sled load of such necessarys as we wanted. In the month of April we made about 60 lbs. of sugar, after which we began the surveying of the town, and first ran lines from north to south (and vice versa) at every forty rods distance, which lines are above three miles long, and upwards of 40 in number, one half of which we marked for the ends of the lots and the other half we did not mark but only run them to know the quality of the ground."

Writing home to Scotland on the 7th of Feb., 1774, Mr. Whitelaw says:

"We have now built a house and live very comfortably, though we are not troubled much with our neighbors, having one family about half a mile from us, another a mile and a half, and two about two miles and a half—one above and the other below us. In the township above us (Barnet) there are about fifteen families, and there are a few settlers sixty miles above us on the river.

There is a road now begun to be cut from Connecticut River to Lake Champlain, which goes through the middle of our purchase, and is reasoned to be considerable advantage to us, as it will be the chief post road to Canada."

Gen. Whitelaw's map of Ryegate shows there were 400 lots, equal to the number of shares in the Company's stock, varying in size, according to their estimated value, from ten to fifty acres, a few lots exceeding the latter quantity. Reference to the map will show the size of the lots, and the manner of numbering them. This did not include the Governor's lot, or the common land. A map of the projected "town," with streets and house-lots, sites for churches, schools, markets and other features of a Scotch town in the 18th century, which was expected to occupy the long slope of the hill from "Fair-View" to the pond, in existence a few years ago, cannot now be found.*

² It stood a few rods southeast of A. M. Whitelaw's.

* Since this was written a part of this map has come to light.

Mr. Whitelaw and Mr. Allan appear to have spent the winter with John Hyndman and his family, and cleared about four acres of land, probably on the farm now owned by W. T. McLam. They probably had some hired help, as there are bills for clearing land still possessed. They seem to have varied the monotony by frequent visits to Newbury, and waited for spring, and the coming of their friends from Scotland. In April they sowed some wheat, and raised from it the first grain grown in Ryegate.

"On Monday, the 23d of May, arrived here from Scotland, David Ferry, Alexander Sym [Symes] and family, Andrew and Robert Brock, John and Robert Orr, John Wilson, John Gray, John Shaw and Hugh Semple, and as we had not finished the surveying, Alexander Sym went to work with Col Bayley, and all the rest with the managers for the company where they continued till the 1st of July, when we got their lots laid off for them, and David Ferry took possession of Lot No. 1; Hugh Semple of Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5; John Orr and his brother of Nos. 6 and 7 for themselves and Nos. 8 and 9 for William Blackwood; John Gray of No. 10 for himself, and No. 11 for John Barr; John Wilson of Nos. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17; Andrew and Robert Brock of Nos. 21st-28th, Alexander Sym of Nos. 29 and 30, and John Shaw of Nos. 31 and 32 for himself, and of 33, 34, 35 and 36, for William Warden, and of Nos. 37, 38, 39 and 40 for James Laird."

Reference to the map will show that the first comers selected lots as near each other as possible, with the expectation that as new settlers came, the settlement would broaden out into the wilderness.

"July the 5th, we agreed with Archibald Harvie and Robert Orr for one year's work for the company, and on the 11th we agreed with John Shaw, and on July 30 with David Ferry, all for one year's work."

These last were not members of the Scotch American company, but young men who had come over to work till they could buy land of their own. Some of the early settlers of Ryegate had been employed in the fishing trade in Scotland, and worked their passage to America as sailors. The passage of some others was paid by the company, and was repaid in work on the company's land.

"On Monday, the 1st of August, after having determined the quality of the several lots and drawn a map of them, and likewise of the town spot, David Allan set out from this place on his way home to Scotland, when the whole of the Ryegate Colonists attended him to Colonel Bayley's in Newbury, and James Henderson went along with him to Newburyport, where he took his leave of him."

No finer tribute could have been paid to David Allan than the above paragraph. His descendants may well be proud of their ancestor. The company's account book shows that James Henderson made quite large purchases for the company. Robert Brock's watch needing attention, it

was taken by him to Newburyport, and "mended" at a cost of three shillings, sixpence.

"On the 1st of October John Waddell, James Neilson, and Thomas McKeach (McKeith) arrived here, and Patrick Lang and family, William Neilson and family, and David Reid and wife. On the 8th, arrived Robert Gemmel and son, Robert Tweedale and wife, and Andrew and James Smith."

Writing home to Scotland, under date of October 14th, Mr. Whitelaw says:

"Robert Gemmel and son, Robert Tweedale and his wife, and Andrew Smith and his brother, all from Douglass, arrived here the 8th inst., all in good health, and are extraordinarily well pleased with the place. They left their homes about the 8th of May, and came to Belfast in Ireland, where they stayed five weeks before they got a ship, when they sailed for New York, where they arrived after a passage of eight weeks and five days of very pleasant weather, and, like the rest of our Colonists, they commended their captain to the utmost. Their freight from Ireland was only fifty shillings, Irish money, and as soon as they agreed with the vessel, which was two weeks before they sailed, they went aboard, and had their provision.

"We shall have a flourishing colony here in a short time, but we are at a loss for young women, as we have here about a dozen young fellows and only one girl, and we shall never multiply and replenish this western world as we ought without help-meets for us, and as this is an excellent flax country, a parcel of your spinners would be the very making of the place. If we had here a good shoemaker that was capable of tanning and currying leather, he might be of good advantage to us, and likewise reap considerable advantage to himself."*

A few days later Mr. Whitelaw made an entry of a very different event in his journal:

"On the 22d of Oct., Andrew Smith departed this life. He was the first Scotchman that died in this place. He was in good health on the morning of the 21st, but about 11 o'clock, forenoon, he was seized with a cholic (to which he had formerly been subject) of which he died at 3 o'clock next morning. James Whitelaw with the rest of the new Colonists made choice of a spot near the east side of the common for a burying place where he was decently interred same evening."

There is no record of any religious service at this lonely burial. Indeed, at that time in Scotland, according to Sir Walter Scott,† there was not, usually, any religious service at a funeral. But in the New England colonies, so far as we know, the burial of the dead was always hallowed by prayer, by reading of the Scriptures, and by remarks from some clergyman. The settlers of Ryegate soon adopted this more sacred

*Whitelaw Papers.

†The Antiquary, Chapt. XXXI.

and impressive observance, as Rev. Peter Powers of Newbury preached a funeral sermon here a few years later.

But these exiles in a strange land must have felt keenly the shock which the sudden death of their associate had caused, and we may be sure that their thoughts often recurred in the coming winter to that lonely grave.

Mr. Miller, following Mr. Whitelaw's journal, supposes that about forty emigrants from Scotland had reached Ryegate by the beginning of 1775, but it appears from Whitelaw's letter to the company that a number of persons from Scotland had arrived at Portsmouth in the autumn, and were on their way up the country. At that time Alexander Harvey was bringing settlers from Scotland to his purchase in Barnet, and as some of those whom Mr. Whitelaw mentions soon settled there it is likely that they belonged to the Harvey company.

Some months after this chapter was written the original deed of the south half of Ryegate was discovered, and is given here. The reader will not fail to be struck by the difference between its cumbersome verbiage, and the simpler terms by which real estate is now conveyed. In this instrument the legal phraseology is printed, while the particular description of the town is written.

THIS INDENTURE,

Made the thirty-first day of October, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-five, BETWEEN John Church of Charlestown, in the Province of New Hampshire, of the first Part, and James Whitelaw of Ryegate, in the County of Gloucester, and Province of New York, of the second Part—WITNESS, &c.: That the said Party of the first Part, for the Consideration of One thousand one hundred and eighty-six Pounds, Lawful Money of *New York*, already by him received, and from which he doth release and discharge the said Party of the second Part and his Heirs and Assigns; HATH granted, bargained, aliened, released and confirmed; and hereby DOTH grant, bargain and sell, aliene, release and confirm unto the said Party of the second Part (in his actual Possession now, being by Virtue of an Indenture of Bargain and Sale for a year, dated yesterday, and of the Statute for transferring Uses into Possession) and to His Heirs and Assigns forever: ALL that Tract or Parcel of land lying in the south part of the township of Ryegate in the County of Gloucester and Province of New York, containing Ten thousand acres, by estimation, bounded as follows:

Beginning at the N. E. corner of Newbury, thence N. 60° West about six miles and a quarter to a lever wood tree marked with the letters I. W., I. W., T. O. R. O thence N. 2° W. about three miles to a stake near a beech tree marked with the aforesaid letters, and June, 1774, thence S. 65° E. about five miles and three quarters to a small white cedar tree at the head of a fall of Connecticut River, thence down said river, as it winds and turns, to the bounds first mentioned, Excluding within the said bounds the following tracts—viz: three lots Bounded as

follows: the first lot of eight hundred and twenty acres begins at the first bounds at the N. E. corner of Newbury, thence along the north line of Newbury, one hundred and fifty chains to a pine marked Gov'r, thence N. 28° E. forty chains, thence north till it meets John Hyndman's bounds, thence E. about 30 chains to a stake and stones, thence N. 120° W. twenty-five chains, thence N. 98° E. to Connecticut river, then down the river, as it winds and turns to the first bounds; the second lot begins at the S. W. corner of lot 80, and runs forty chains W. to a stake and stones, then W. twenty-five chains to a beech tree marked R. H., T. H., I. W., then E. forty chains to a small beech marked P. H., T. H., thence south to the first bounds; the third lot begins at a cedar tree before mentioned, thence down Connecticut river about twenty chains to a stake and stones, thence N. 35° W. seventy-one chains and seventy-five links to a stake and stones, thence N. 10° E. about forty chains to a line running S. 63° E., thence on said line to the Cedar before mentioned.

And all the Edifices thereon, and Advantages to the same now or heretofore belonging; And also the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents and Services of the Premises and the Appurtenances; And also all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Claim and Demand of the said Party, of the first Part, in Law and Equity, of, in and to the same Premises: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all and singular the said Real Estate, Tenements and Premises unto the Party of the second Part, his Heirs and Assigns forever:

And the said Party of the first Part, for himself, his Heirs and Assigns, doth covenant and grant to and with the said Party of the second Part, his Heirs and Assigns in Manner and form following: That he, the said Party, of the first Part, stood lawfully seized and possessed of the above Grants, and Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple in the same Premises, without any Condition, Mortgage, Limitation of, Use and Uses, or any other Matter or Course to change, charge or determine the same, except the Quit Rent Payable to the Crown, and that he has full power and Authority to grant and convey the same in the Manner above mentioned. AND ALSO, That the said Party of the second Part, his Heirs and Assigns, shall and may at all Times forever hereafter, peaceably have, possess and enjoy the same Premises, without the Interruption of any Person or Persons whomsoever, freed from all former other Bargains, Charges, Estates, Rights, Titles, Troubles and Incumbrances whatsoever than above mentioned. AND ALSO, That the said Party of the first Part, and his Heirs, or any other Person or Persons, and his and their Heirs, having or claiming anything in the Premises, shall and will, upon the Request of the said Party of the second Part, his Heirs and Assigns, do and execute or cause to be done and executed, any Act or Devise in the Law for the better conveying the said Premises, unto the said Party of the second Part, his Heirs and Assigns to his and their own proper Use and Behoof as by him and them, or his and their Counsel learned in the Law, shall be reasonably advised, devised or required:—IN WITNESS whereof, the Parties to these Presents have hereunto interchangeably set their Hands and Seals the Day and Year above written.

JOHN CHURCH.

(Seal)

Sealed and Delivered in the
Presence of us,

PHINEAS LYMAN
BENJAMIN COLT.

Province of New York, } Newbury, Nov. 13th, 1775, then the
County of Gloucester. } within subscribed John Church personally
appeared and acknowledged the within
instrument to be his free Act and Deed, and having examined the same
and finding no material Erazures or Interlineations Do Allow the same
to be recorded.

Jacob Bayley, one of the Judges of the
Inferior Court of Sc. County.

CHAPTER VII.

THE SCOTCH-AMERICAN COMPANY.

THE "CITY."—THE SCOTLAND MANAGERS.—LORD BLANTYRE.—MILLS AT BOLTONVILLE.—EMBARRASSMENT.—PROSPERITY OF THE SETTLEMENT.—WHITELAW'S RESIGNATION.—THE END OF THE SCOTCH AMERICAN COMPANY.—REFLECTIONS.

THE experiment of a colony among the Vermont hills, whose affairs were to be regulated by an association in Scotland, between which, under the most favorable conditions, communication must be a matter of several months, was not likely to continue long without considerable change. In America, at that time, such a colony could hardly have been established any where, and the plan indicates the small amount of information which even the more intelligent people in Scotland possessed concerning actual conditions in the backwoods of North America.

The idea of a "town," which should contain the public buildings, and where the land owners should reside while their tenants occupied the outlying farms, would never have been indulged had the projectors realized what trials, privations and dangers the pioneers in a new country must undergo before they can even obtain a comfortable support—enough to eat, shelter, and protection from cold and storm.

It was not long before the settlers found that it would be useless to attempt to carry out these stipulations. The colonists would have enough to do to clear their land, build their rude cabins, defend themselves and their cattle from the wild beasts of the wilderness, build roads and undertake as best they could the heavy task before them, without attempting a communistic experiment.

In a letter* to the company, dated Dec. 11, 1780, Mr. Whitelaw states the situation very sensibly:—

"As for building a town here to have a house on every lot will never answer, as the town will never have any inhabitants, at least, only a very small part of them, so it will be foolish, and even ridiculous to build them. And to carry on a public farm here will be no advantage to the Company, and those who think to live in Scotland and live on the incomes of farms in this country, will find themselves mistaken. The reason is this:—that land is so cheap and so plenty here, that there is no person but will rather improve a farm of his own, than to carry on one for another man."

*Whitelaw Papers.

Consequently the "town spot," and the "Common Land," fell into the state of neglect which is the proverbial condition of that which is everybody's business, until, in 1780, the managers were glad to relieve themselves of them, by leasing them to John Scott for a term of ten years, on condition that he should finish the house and barn, and the clearing of what had been cut down. He seems to have wearied of his task, as he soon removed to Newbury. The "town spot," by purchase from its several owners, passed into one or two hands, and the "common land," by permission of the company in Scotland, was sold, piece by piece. The "city," with its streets and squares, building lots, market places, sites for churches, storehouses, schools and the like, never got beyond the carefully drawn plan which has long since disappeared. The only street in the "town" which was ever laid out, is the public road which ascends the long slope of the "town hill."

The letters which were written home to Scotland by the emigrants who arrived in Ryegate the first year, gave, generally, such a favorable account of the place, and of New England in general, that many persons and families in the neighborhood of Renfrew and Paisley made preparation to set out for the new colony, and, had not the revolutionary war broken out just at that time, it is probable that all the land in Ryegate would have been taken up by members of the company and their friends. At that time, in Scotland, the movement for emigration was so general, and influenced by so many considerations, as to cause much alarm among the landed proprietors of the country. The agitation of the subject among the tenant farmers of the lowlands, tended, if not checked, to deprive the country of great numbers of valuable citizens. Before that period the landed gentry had things much their own way, as there were more people to lease farms than there were farms to rent. Consequently, the tenant farmers had to take such terms as the landlord chose to give. This condition of things, so favorable to the landed classes, was threatened by a movement which might, if not checked, produce a scarcity of tenants. Consequently, when there should be more farms to let than there were desirable tenants seeking them, rents must fall. The landed classes also feared that the further settlement of America would supply the markets of Great Britain with grain and flour, which could be produced there so much more cheaply than upon British soil.

The movement for emigration was strongest among the most desirable class of tenants, and men whose ancestors had cultivated the same "tacks," as the leased farms were called, for centuries, were giving them up, all over Scotland, and emigrating to America, mainly to the Middle Colonies and the Carolinas. Consequently the landed gentry, generally, opposed emigration, and tried, by every means, legal and

illegal, to check a movement which threatened them, both in reducing their income by lowering the rents of farms, and still more by supplying the great staples of food, of which they had previously held a monopoly.

This will explain the position of the landed classes in supporting all the measures taken by the government for putting down the rebellion in America, while the letters received by James Whitelaw from his friends in Scotland, show that the tenant farmers of Stirlingshire and Renfrewshire, were, in general, favorable to the American cause, although very cautious about expressing their sentiments.

Among those who held the selfish views before mentioned was Lord Blantyre, whose hereditary possessions included the greater part of the parish of Renfrew, in which originated some of the best Ryegate families. This nobleman had not favored the Association, which threatened to deprive him of some valuable tenants, and had begun legal proceedings against certain persons in whom he suspected an intention of joining the emigration, and against whom he had, or pretended so have, some claim.

He also seized every opportunity which offered, to injure the association, and a weapon was provided for him. Among those who arrived in Ryegate on the 24th of May, 1774, were John Wilson and Hugh Semple. These had taken offence at some things which had been done, and both sent letters home to Scotland by David Allan, who seems to have known nothing of their contents. The letter written by John Wilson, in particular, in which he drew a rather dark picture of what he had seen in America, and of the situation and prospects of the colony in Ryegate, fell into the hands of this nobleman. William Hamilton, writing from Renfrew to James Whitelaw under date of Dec. 27, 1774, presents the matter thus:—"The Right Honorable Lord Blantyre and some of his Sycophants has got John Wilson's letter and it gives them such joy that they propose to publish it to the world from the press. It is very galling to all who are friends to America, and we wish that who ever writes from Ryegate to their friends may be enabled from truth itself to send more comfortable news, or, at least, such as will not give our many enemies such cause to triumph."

But, generally, the stockholders of the company in Scotland placed more dependence upon the representations of James Whitelaw and other settlers, and upon the oral testimony of David Allan, a man of sagacity and good judgment, than upon the letters of Wilson and "the sensible Hugh Semple," and were well satisfied with the prospects of the colony. But the unsettled state of the country, and the troubles with America made people very cautious about investing in enterprises so far from home.

Mr. Houston, in the letters from which we have cited, states the financial situation of the Company. It will be remembered that the stock

of the Scotch-American Company was divided into four hundred shares, having a par value of £2,10s. Each entitled the holder to one lot of land in the south division of Ryegate, a house lot in the "town spot," and an undivided share in the common land. But at the date of the letter, the subscribers to about eighty shares had not paid for them, and some never would. The Company had expended about £400, in the expenses of the Commissioners, the first payment for the land, and the cost of the work which had been done upon it, and had only £400 to its credit in the bank at Glasgow to finish the payment, erect buildings, clear the land and pay for the building of the mills at Boltonville, to which we shall presently advert. This deficit of £200 considerably hampered the company, a temporary loan was secured upon the responsibility of the wealthier members, an assessment was voted upon the stock, and the forfeiture of all the shares not paid by a certain date was also voted. The troublous times also increased the rate of exchange, so that in 1774, a discount of 20 per cent. was charged upon the bills drawn by Mr. Whitelaw on the company. At that time there was not a bank in North America, and funds were transmitted by Bills of Exchange which were honored by certain merchants in the seaport towns.

By the opening of spring in 1775, clearings had been begun on several farms in different parts of the town, and something had been done toward making a road which could be traveled on horseback, which took the general course of the present highway from Wells River to Ryegate Corner, past the Gray farm, and the east side of Blue Mountain to the Harvey Tract in Barnet, and the few settlers who had begun to clear the dense woods of Peacham. Considerable wheat had been sown among the stumps and logs of the new clearings, and the next enterprise which the settlers planned, was the building of a saw mill and a grist mill.

Mr. Whitelaw sums up the enterprise in his journal thus:—

"About the beginning of January, 1775, James Whitelaw purchased the part of Lot No. 120 in Newbury, that lies on the north side of Wells River (which contains the great falls,) with one-half the privilege of the river for the purpose of building mills for the company. About which time James Henderson began to block out wood for building them."

The selection of the falls at Boltonville as a site for the mills of the Ryegate colonists, was not decided upon without some opposition which is fully set forth in Mr. Whitelaw's letters to the Company. Some of the settlers wanted the mills built in the town, and have them placed at the outlet of the pond, contending that there was sufficient water to run them at all times of the year. Mr. Whitelaw was almost alone in opposition to this scheme, and it was not until several persons of experience in building and operating mills had examined the location, and decided that a sufficient head of water could only be generated by the erection of an

expensive dam, and a long race-way, that the matter was settled. It was made clear that there would be water to run the mills only two or three months in the year, but the site on Wells River was not decided upon without some ill feeling, which, happily, did not last long.

At that time Wells River poured its floods over the precipices at Boltonville in the midst of a dense forest, in solitary grandeur, a wild and secluded spot. It was a very enterprising thing for the few colonists of Ryegate to harness the wild stream to grind grain and saw logs for their use.

On the 30th of May Mr. Whitelaw wrote the company as follows: *

"GENTLEMEN:

I received your favor of the 27th of December, about the 15th instant, wherein you have given orders for the building of a saw and grist miln for the benefit of the inhabitants of Ryegate. On the 22d we had a meeting of all the members of the company who are here, when I read your letter, and they all unanimously signed an obligation to bear their proportional share of whatever assessment may be found necessary for completing the milns, and likewise have promised us as much work, gratis, among themselves, as makes 50 days of one man, and as the people were determined to have milns built, we got all the iron work done in winter, and now have all the running gear finished, and expect to have it running some time in July."

The obligation is as follows:—

"Ryegate, May 22, 1775. We, the under subscribers hereby bond and oblige ourselves to pay our proportional shares of what assessment may be found necessary for completing a grist and saw miln for the benefit of the inhabitants of Ryegate, which assessment we are to pay in labour at the ordinary rate of the country."

James Whitelaw	David Ferrie	Robert Gemmel
John Shaw	Patrick Lang	James Henderson
John Waddel	Robert Brock	Alexander Symmes
Robert Twadle	John Gray	Archibald Taylor
John Orr	William Neilson	James Neilson
Thomas McKeith		

Mr. Whitelaw's account shows that the mill irons cost nearly £20 sterling, does not say where they were made, but that they were bought of Josiah Little. The first saw mill crank in Newbury, still preserved, was drawn from Concord, N. H., on a hand sled by several men, a feat which came near costing all their lives. But by the year 1775, several saw mills had been built in the Coös country, and it was, probably, a much easier task to procure the necessary equipment.

The timber for the mills was cut on the spot, and also for a house for the miller. Both frames were raised on the same day, the saw mill being where the mill shed now is. James Henderson, with the aid of the other settlers, hewed and framed the timber. The water wheels and other

* Original among Whitelaw papers.

wooden machinery were made by John Waddel, and a blacksmith from Haverhill set up a forge, and made nails and the necessary iron work. The mill stones were cut from a rock in the field a little below where the late Granville Meader long lived, and were drawn to the mill by John Scott, for 12 shillings. The mill irons were brought from Newbury by John G. Bayley. There is an account of "provision for the mila raising of 10s," and of "rum used at the saw miln £2, 14.0," by which it appears that the workmen did not always slake their thirst with river water. The nails and spikes used in the work cost 4s. per 100. The grist mill was set running about the middle of August, and "performed its part very well." The saw mill began operations about a month before. There was little grain to grind at first, but the mill was there, and a valuable asset to the town.

For some years they were carried on by the managers, but in 1785 the mills were leased to Ezra Currier for 51½ bush. of wheat, who also received \$18 for keeping them in repair. In that year a new flume was built by Andrew Brock for eighty bushels of wheat.*

But the erection of the mills proved an embarassment to the Company, as Mr. Whitelaw's bill of exchange for £100 sterling, drawn Feb. 17, 1776, upon William Houston & Co., maltsters in Renfrew, in favor of Josiah Little of Newbury Port, was protested at Renfrew on the 10th of August in that year.

As a matter of curiosity we give the bill, with its indorsements.

"Newburyport, Feb. 17, 1776.

Thirty days after sight of this my first of exchange, (my second and third of the same date and tenor being unpaid) pay to the order of Josiah Little the sum of one hundred Pounds sterling money, and place the same to the account of the Scots American Company of Farmers, for value received here to their use, with or without further advice from me.

JAMES WHITELAW.

To WILLIAM HOUSTON & Co., Maltsters in Renfrew, near Glasgow.

Indorsed:—"Pay Messrs. Lee & Jones, or Order, Josiah Little."

"Pay to Mr. Stephen Higginson or Order for account. Lee & Jones."

Pay unto the Order of Messrs. Exercaitie cel Rio & Com. value on Account. Bilboa, June 12, 1776. STEPHEN HIGGINSON."

The protest was based upon the claim that Mr. Whitelaw had overdrawn his account, and had exceeded his powers, acting in a manner contrary to a letter of instruction (not preserved) and that he had neglected to account satisfactorily to the Company for his expenditure of the Company's funds.

The revolutionary war was then raging, and communication between the company at home, and their colony in Ryegate was often interrupted,

*Company Records.

so that Whitelaw's letter of explanation was long delayed, and the colonists were left to manage their own affairs.

It would appear that the holder of the protested bill waited patiently for his pay; probably nothing could be settled till the war was over; and in February 1783, the debt with the interest and charges, amounting to £159 sterling, Mr. Whitelaw by vote of the members of the Company in Ryegate, sold to Josiah Little of Newburyport, all the land south of Wells River, and the two "westernmost" ranges of lots from the river north to the division line, and with the proceeds paid the debt."¹ This entire tract, soon conveyed to John C. Jones of Boston, was sold in 1794 to John Cameron, and now comprises several valuable farms.

This transaction was ratified at a meeting of the Company at Inchinnan in August, 1783, by a vote of twenty seven to four. Permission was also given the colonists to sell the mills if considered best, as the Company was considerably hindered in its operation by a heavy debt incurred in paying for the land.²

It would seem that a suitable purchaser did not appear till 1791, when they were sold to Robert Brock on the 25th of September for £125 sterling. Mr. Brock, who was father of Andrew Brock of Ryegate and Robert Brock of Barnet, had been a miller in Scotland, and had considerable property, came to America in 1786, carried on the mill a year or two and seeing that the property could be greatly developed, purchased it outright. The deed is signed by James Whitelaw, James Henderson, John Gray, William Craig, John Orr, Josiah Page, Alexander Miller, William Neilson, James Nelson and John Ritchie.³

The hamlet, now called Boltonville, was first known as "Whitelaw's Mills," and, after its sale, as "Brock's Mills," or "Brock's Falls," until the mills passed out of the Brock family.⁴

The years which followed the close of the revolutionary war were, in the main, prosperous ones for the settlers in the Coös country, and the Ryegate colonists shared in the general improvement. The country north and west began to be opened up, and the Hazen Road furnished an avenue of approach to the fertile lands of the Lamoille Valley, and

¹ Ryegate Land Records.

² Houston to Whitelaw, Sept. 26, 1783.

³ Newbury Land Records, Vol. II, p. 458.

⁴ Mr. Miller, in a paper upon Boltonville, in the Vermont Union, accepting Mr. Mason's statement, says that the mills were sold to Dea. Andrew Brock. But the Whitelaw papers, the Newbury town records, and the company's journal, show that the sale was to his father. In the journal he is called "Old Mr. Brock." He lived near the mill, about where Mr. Tucker's house stands. At his death, in 1796, the mills passed into the hands of his son. He also purchased a large tract of land between Boltonville and the Corner.

further north. There was an increasing demand for provisions, grain and live stock, and the settlers found a ready market for all the products of their farms which they could spare, and several of the older settlers began to increase their holdings of real estate. In 1782, Archibald Taylor, James Henderson, John Scot, Robert Orr and William Neilson applied to the managers in Scotland for leave to purchase those lots which had been forfeited to the company.² This was granted, and William Neilson began about that time the purchase of land in Ryegate and elsewhere, which afterward made him very wealthy.

The abilities of James Whitelaw were not destined to be confined to the town of Ryegate, or to be expended in discharging the duties of manager for a company in Scotland. On the 24th of February, 1782, he was appointed by Gen. Ira Allen a commissioner to survey and lay out towns on the Connecticut River, from the mouth of the Passumpsic to Canada, mark the boundaries and make plans of them, and make a map of the river from its source to the mouth of the Amonoosuc. This trust was executed with such fidelity that upon the retirement of Gen. Allen, in 1784, he became Surveyor General, an office, at that time, of great prominence and responsibility, resigning his position as Manager for the Scotch American Company. He had discharged its duties with faithfulness and discretion for eleven years, and appears to have had very little friction with the colonists.

On one or two occasions, he had been provoked into severe language at the unreasonableness of some of his associates, and there were those in Scotland, as well, who were disposed to make trouble. Houston and Allan, writing to him, from Renfrew, August 10, 1781, allude to this, by saying—"We are not wanting those who find fault, and they are chiefly those who have failed to keep their agreements with the company." Human nature in Scotland and Ryegate, in 1781, was very much as it is now.

His compensation as manager, during which time he was also clerk, treasurer and purchasing agent, was £25 sterling per annum, from Feb. 1, 1773 to Aug. 1, 1775. For his services he charged but £10 sterling during each of the following years and from August, 1777, to August, 1784, the nominal sum of £5 per annum. "It is not supposed," says Mr. Miller, "that he received anything like adequate compensation for his services." His last entry in the treasurer's book is as follows:

"RYEGATE, Aug. 23, 1784.

Settled all Accounts with the Company preceding this date, and I owe them £0, 12, 4½, L. M.

JAMES WHITELAW."

² Whitelaw to Houston.

By previous arrangement with the Company in Scotland, William Nelson, James Henderson and Hugh Gardner were appointed managers in his stead. The titles to the Company's lands, which had before been held in Whitelaw's name were transferred to the new managers, who conducted its affairs with great discretion and ability.

In 1815, Hugh Gardner died, and the surviving members conducted their trust until all the lands of the Scotch American Company had passed into private hands, all the trusts committed to its care had been discharged, and the Company dissolved. The last entries in the journal are only at intervals during the final years. Up to Jan. 1, 1815, they had sold 121 lots in the south division, receiving for them \$4045.71. They had paid all the debts of the Company contracted in Ryegate, made considerable expenditures, and between 1801 and 1815, had remitted to Scotland \$2274.52 and had taken up Bills of Exchange drawn by the managers in Scotland upon those in Ryegate, of above \$1000.* This money came from the sale of land to settlers, others than members of the Company, the proceeds of the mills, rent of Company lands, and the profits of the mills. The managers in Scotland, as appears from the accounts of the managers in Ryegate, purchased merchandise in Scotland for the use of colonists, and some of it was sold to people in other towns. Among other things mentioned are suits of broadcloth made in Scotland for prominent men in Newbury and elsewhere. In 1782 the managers purchased and shipped "two cases of china ware," to James Whitelaw to be sold. Doubtless many articles from these identical consignments, are among the treasured heirlooms of the old families of Ryegate and Barnet.

The "Scots American Company of Farmers," considered as a corporation, was of great value to the early settlers of Ryegate, and it is easy to discern its influence even to this day. It had a financial standing which was of great value in those early days. The managers in Scotland took a deep interest in the affairs of the colony, and made special inducements to desirable families to go there and settle. It loaned money to emigrants for their expenses on the journey; it sold them lands on liberal terms of payment, and by the excellent management of its affairs secured to the community a very high standing.

To its care were committed minor children in several cases, and money was paid to the company in Scotland to be transmitted to America for the benefit of particular persons, as in the case of Elizabeth Todd who married James Henderson, Junior. In her behalf through the company, as the channel of communication, between 1808 and 1822 nearly \$1200 was thus transmitted. In another case, the minor children of one John Paterson, it became the trustee, under his will, of a

* Company Records.

considerable sum, to be paid them when they came of age. It was entirely independent of the town organization, and never meddled with its ecclesiastical affairs.

For the last ten years of its existence the entries in the Company's book are few and at longer intervals, and the final entry is as follows:

"Ryegate, 1820. Then William Neilson and James Henderson examining all the Company's Books and Accounts and having paid to all their just dues, there Remains a small sum of Bad Debts that cannot be easily collected, which we have taken for the Reward of our Services.

WILLIAM NEILSON,
JAMES HENDERSON."

Thus ended this singular organization, which had existed nearly fifty years, and whose affairs, on both sides of the sea, had been conducted with wisdom and fidelity. It is to its wisdom in the selection of colonists that Ryegate owes the happy circumstance that its inhabitants were, until recent years, nearly all of the Scottish race. The present inhabitants of Ryegate know very little indeed of this association, and it is fortunate that its records and much of the correspondence came to light just in time for its history to find a place in this volume. At the time of its dissolution few were living who signed the Articles of Copartnership at Inchinnan in 1772. It is not known that any memorial of the Company is in existence in Scotland.

CHAPTER VIII.

SCOTLAND AND RYEGATE.

THE HOME TOWNS OF THE COLONISTS: INCHINNAN, ERSKINE, KILPATRICK, BALDERNOCK, KILMALCOLM, JOHNSTONE, HOUSTON, RENFREW, KILBARCHAN, LOCHWINNOCK, PAISLEY, GLASGOW, BALFRON, ROSENEATH.—THE SCOTCH IN NEWBURY.—WAGES IN 1793.—THE OCEAN PASSAGE.—EMIGRANTS.—PIONEER LIFE.—REFLECTIONS.

WE have mentioned that most of the early settlers of Ryegate, and of Barnet as well, came from the west of Scotland, and from portions of the shires of Renfrew, Stirling, Dunbarton and Lanark, from parishes and hamlets of which Inchinnan is a center. Two volumes published near the end of the 18th century give much information concerning most of these localities, which, supplemented by later authorities, and personal information from some persons who have lately visited them, we gather a few particulars which will interest those whose ancestors came from any of them.

In 1782, Mr. William Semple issued at Paisley a new and enlarged edition of a descriptive and biographical work upon these counties, which had been published many years before by George Crawford. In 1792, a Mr. Heron, who seems to have been a very observing man, with a wide experience which renders his observations not only descriptive but comparative, published the narrative of his journey through the west of Scotland and made some remarks upon many places and institutions.

Of Inchinnan, whence came David Allan, Alexander Miller, the Whitehills and others, we have already spoken at some length. Newmains, Gateside, Rashlie, Broomlands, Braehead, and others are the names of farms in that parish which they have borne for centuries. Rev. Archibald Davidson was minister of the parish from 1761, till he demitted the charge in 1786, to become principal of the University of Glasgow, where he died in 1803. Several of our early settlers were married by him, and he baptized their children who were born in Scotland. Dr. Davidson published a volume of sermons, copies of which are probably preserved here. He was eminent in the Church of Scotland in his time.

Mr. McClelland gives the names of the elders of the congregation of Inchinnan from 1722 to 1816, among whom are some familiar names: Alexr. Stewart, Alexr. Park, David Allan, Duncan McKeith, James and

John Fulton, William and John Gibson, John Duncan, and several named Smith. A tombstone in the churchyard records that David Smith "performed the duties of an elder in the Parish of Inchinnan for 70 years." "On the 3d of February, 1685, James Algie and John Park were hanged at the Cross of Paisley for refusing to take the Test and Oath of Abjuration."*

From Erskine, which adjoins Inchinnan on the west, came Hugh Gardner, Edward Miller, John Ritchie, William and James Neilson, and others. The lands of Erskine, says Crawford, were the most ancient possessions of the family which assumed that surname, and afterwards become Lords Erskine and Earls of Mar. In 1638, it was sold by the Earl of Mar to Sir John Hamilton, from whom it was purchased in 1703, by the Blantyre family, which is now extinct. The manor house of Erskine, anciently the seat of the Earls of Mar, and called, in 1782, one of the finest mansions in Scotland, was replaced about 1820, by a more modern structure, upon another site. Lord Blantyre, whom we have mentioned before, was patron of the parish in 1773, and Rev. Walter Young, who succeeded Rev. James Lundie in 1769, was minister for many years. He corresponded during his life with his old parishoners who had settled among the Vermont hills, and Mr. Mason records that a very affectionate letter from him was read to the Ryegate congregation, congratulating them upon the settlement of Rev. David Goodwillie. Glenshinnock, Kitts, Langhaugh and others are hamlets and farm-steadings in Erskine, whose principal village in 1782, contained but thirteen houses.

On the other side of the Clyde from Inchinnan lies Old Kilpatrick, now an important place. Part of it is hilly and picturesque, but along the river the land is level. This parish is in Dunbartonshire, and is said to have been the birthplace of Saint Patrick, the tutelar saint of Ireland. Andrew and Robert Brock came from this parish, their birthplace being a small hamlet called Barns of Clyde. Kilpatrick contained several small hamlets in 1782. The old Roman wall of Antonious passes through this parish, which is rich in beautiful scenery, especially along the Kelvin, famous in Scottish song. This place must not be confounded with New Kilpatrick which is in Renfrewshire, whence came the Robens and others.

From Baldernock, on the south border of Stirlingshire, the Kelvin forming its southern boundary, came William, Walter, and Andrew Buchanan, the Wylie family, and Walter Buchanan of Newbury. The parish church of Baldernock, one of the oldest in Scotland, has been replaced by a modern edifice. A curious feature of this old kirk was a tower erected for the use of a watchman employed to guard the church-yard from the

* Church and Parish of Inchinnan, p. 18.

robbers of graves. Rev. James Cowper was minister there in 1801, and James Duncan its session clerk more than fifty years. A small hamlet in this parish is called Barochan Mills. The remains of some curious structures, which are older than history, and are believed to be the work of the Druids, are in this parish.

From Kilmalcolm, in the lower ward of Renfrew, which lay, a century ago, on the great road from Paisley to Greenock, came John Holmes, James Caldwell, William Warden, and others. Part of it is described by Crawford as bleak and barren land, and part as excellent pasture. The patron of Renfrew, in 1782, was the Earl of Glencairn. The village contained about fifty houses.

Several individuals came from Leshmahago, a very large parish, containing six villages, in 1782. The falls of the Clyde are along the borders of the town. The village of Abbey Green is built around the site of an old monastery, which dates from the 6th century. The ruins of the castle in which Queen Mary slept the night before the battle of Langside, are in this parish.

From Elderslie, celebrated in Scottish history as the birthplace of Sir William Wallace, came John Gray of Ryegate, and Robert Fulton of Newbury. A small hamlet, called Brigg o'Johnstone, where a bridge spans the Black Cart, had but ten residents in 1781, but cotton manufacturing being established there, it had grown rapidly in 1792. Johnstone adjoins Paisley on the west, and from here came Alexander Cochran and the Gibsons.

Houston and Kilallan were separate parishes till 1760, when they were united under the former name. Rev. Robert Carrick was minister of Houston, and Rev. John Monteith of Kilallan. The former died in 1771, and Mr. Monteith became minister of both parishes. Church certificates, in both Ryegate and Barnet, are signed by these ministers.

Several who settled in this county came from Renfrew, which is two miles north of Paisley, and a royal burgh of great antiquity. The barony of Renfrew was the first possession of the Stewart family in Scotland, and gives the title of Baron Renfrew to the Prince of Wales. In 1782, it contained about 200 houses, most of which lay along a single street, with a few short lanes. Mr. Patrick Simpson was minister of Renfrew at that time, and had been longer in office than any other Presbyterian minister in Scotland. In Renfrew are Yocker, Scotstown and Gordonhill, which had very fertile soil in 1782.

Several who settled in both Ryegate and Barnet came from Kilbarchan, of which Mr. Heron in 1792, gives rather an unpleasing picture. The village contained about 1500 inhabitants, who were mostly weavers, and very poor, as drinking was universal. On the tenant farms the houses were almost uniformly covered with thatch, and it was not

uncommon for a farmer and his cattle to come in and go out at the same door, and to lie under the same roof, but at different ends of the house. Kilbarchan is now a prosperous town, and doubtless all these survivals of an earlier day have long disappeared.

Lochwinnock, whence came John Hunter, Walter Brock and others, is the name of a lake, and of a parish as well. The former is very beautiful, and surrounded by highly cultivated land. The village was inhabited chiefly by weavers.

Several of the signers of the Bond of Association were from the parish of Govan, of whom only John Scot of Hillsheadholm and James Whitelaw of Whiteinch, in Old Monkland, came to Ryegate. Govan is now a great ship-building place.

From Paisley came the Renfrews, James Esden, John Park, the Orrs, James McKinley and others. Paisley lies on both sides of the Black Cart, three miles from its junction with the Clyde. The old part of the town, called the Barony Parish, is on rising ground, on the west bank, while the new town is built on the level land to the east, on lands which formerly belonged to the Abbey of Paisley. The buildings inhabited by the monks are all gone, but the nave of the Abbey church remains entire, and has been fitted up for a place of worship, and in the cemetery around it lie many Gibsons, Renfrews, Gardners, and others, early representatives of the same names in Ryegate, their gravestones lying flat upon the ground.

Mr. Heron in 1792 says, "The highway from Paisley to Glasgow led through a highly cultivated country, villas, gardens and decorated fields covering its whole face, with hardly a cottage to be seen, and this has been from ancient time one of the most highly cultivated districts in all Scotland." Just outside of Glasgow he came upon one of the first developments of a power destined to revolutionize the manufactures of Great Britain, which he mentions thus: "Near Glasgow a cotton work was pointed out to me, the machinery of which was wrought by steam. It is impossible to conjecture how far human ingenuity may yet advance!"

Of Glasgow so much has been written that no particular description need be given. It is notable that in 1773, Dr. Johnson made his celebrated "Tour to the Hebrides," and describes some of the prominent features of the city. Several settlers of both Ryegate and Barnet came from Glasgow, and one member of the Company, John Gardner, a mathematical instrument maker, constructed for James Whitelaw the surveyor's compass long used by him, now preserved in the capitol at Montpelier.

Both the publications we have cited speak of the emigration to America from the parishes we have mentioned, as having attained alarming proportions, and that the prosperity of Glasgow depended largely

upon the American trade. The effects of the revolutionary war had been disastrous in Glasgow, but commerce was reviving in 1782 and its volume had almost doubled, ten years later. A great many business houses had been established in America, managed by a brother, son, clerk or partner of the Glasgow house.

From Balfron, in Stirlingshire, about eighteen miles northwest from Glasgow, came James Henderson, William Nelson, 2d, the Gilfillans of Barnet, and others, and its description from the pen of Hon J. B. Gilfillan of Minnesota, who has lately visited it, differs very little from that of George Crawford, a century and a half ago. "Balfron lies in the region of Strathendrick, or valley of the Endrick, a river somewhat smaller than the Passumpsic, flowing through the bottom of the valley, and emptying into Loch Lomond. It is a village of eight or nine hundred inhabitants, lying on the northerly slope of the valley, overlooking much of it on both sides. Both slopes of the valley are much extended, picturesque and beautiful, the landscape being made up of field, forest, and farm house. Balliwickan castle and grounds are near the village. The present kirk of Balfron has been built within a century, and in the kirk-yard are found the names of many Gilfillans, Hendersons, Bachops, and others."

Near Balfron, in the valley of the Endrick, lie Buchanan, Kilmarnock, and Drymen, whence came many Ryegate and Barnet people.

From Gargunnoch, in the north part of Stirlingshire, adjoining Balfron, came Col. Alexander Harvey, and others of Barnet. This is a very picturesque parish, lying on the Forth, which is here remarkably sinuous.

The Leitch and Ritchie families originated at Roseneath, a most beautiful place on Gairloch, the Firth of Clyde and Loch Long.

It has been stated in more than one publication that the Scotch element in Newbury was an overflow from the Ryegate colony. That the Scotch who settled in Newbury were attracted there by its proximity to the settlement of their countrymen is probable, but the fact remains that nearly all in that town came from Fifeshire, on the east coast of Scotland, and most of them from the neighborhood of Markinch. The Goodwillies were the only prominent family in Ryegate or Barnet, which originated in Fife.

A journey through those portions of Scotland, whence our colonists came, would take us among some of the most interesting scenes of a land where, upon every hill and valley, glows the light of history and song. There is no more attractive section in Great Britain, and we may wonder how people could bring themselves to leave it for the wilderness of North America.

A very few sentences taken here and there from the works which we have cited, explain much of this:

"Lace-making," says Mr. Semple, in 1792, "is much carried on at Renfrew, and girls are apprenticed to learn the work. Many of them are taken from hospitals and other establishments for the care of destitute children. It requires three or four years to learn the work, and when learned one may earn 10d, or one shilling a day." "In a return made some years ago of the rates of wages paid agricultural laborers in the different counties of Great Britain and Ireland, it was found that Renfrewshire men were the highest paid. The wages for out-workers in 1792, were one shilling per week in winter, and five shillings in summer. Wages for servants are £9 per year for men, and £4 for women. In 1772, they were just one-half those sums."

No wonder that men and women in those highly favored localities turned their thoughts toward emigration, but it is probable that comparatively few of those who contemplated the change were able to surmount the difficulties attending it. It was not easy to sever the ties which bound them to their native land, and not a few turned back at the last moment.

The expense of the voyage to America, in those days, varied as widely as now. The newspapers of the time, in Glasgow, and other seaports, contain advertisements of ships about to sail for American ports, and refer the inquirer to the captain, or the owners, for information, as to rates of passage. It would seem that people made individual bargains for their conveyance. The young men, usually, worked their way as common seamen. Few, probably, could pay for a cabin passage; most went in the steerage, which, in the best of weather, must have been dismal enough. In storms the hatches were battened down, and the emigrants had, for days, no light or fresh air. Six weeks was a quick passage, which calms or contrary winds sometimes stretched to six months. Only the young and hardy attempted the voyage, and the records of some of our families give, after a name—"Died on the passage to America." Some contracted ship fever, from which they never entirely recovered.

The journal of Rev. David Sutherland of Bath, in his voyage to America in June-August, 1803, gives some interesting particulars. The passage occupied eleven weeks, in which there were eleven days of calm, when they made no progress; thirteen days of head winds, when they were driven out of their course; eight of fog, and seven of violent tempest, leaving only about forty days of favorable weather. Yet the voyage was considered a very good one. We can only imagine what a fearful thing a winter passage must have been. Most of the emigrants, in after life, remembered the voyage with little pleasure. When the

subject of laying a telegraph cable between England and America was first contemplated, two elderly Scotch people in Newbury were discussing the idea, and one said, "Mr. Ross, you and I, who have crossed the ocean, know that such a thing canna be!"

Mrs. John Barron, who lived on the river road, in Bradford, used to relate how the Scotch people, on the way to Ryegate and Barnet, used to stop to rest at her house, men, women and children, and of their insatiable thirst for buttermilk.

Their ports of landing were, usually, Portsmouth, Newburyport, Boston, and New York. Later emigrants came to Hartford, completing the journey on foot, sending their goods by boat.

Col. William Wallace kept tavern in Newbury, and never failed to welcome his country folk with a bountiful meal, and other creature comforts, while all were sure of rest and rejoicing at the end of their long journey.

We do not know how many emigrants left Scotland for Ryegate in the earlier years, or the number who finally reached here. In the letters written to Scotland by James Whitelaw from 1773 to 1800, he mentions many names not given by Mr. Mason or Mr. Miller as residents, and his correspondents in Scotland mention several persons as having left the country for Ryegate. Of Hugh Gemmell and family, Patrick Reid and sons, George Oswald, William and James Wilson, who were among those that came here we know little or nothing.

In 1824, Gen. Whitelaw prepared an account of Ryegate for Thompson's Gazetteer, in which he says that in 1775 sixty persons left Scotland for Ryegate, at one time, and reached Boston just before the battle of Bunker Hill. Only one of the company—Elizabeth Shields who married James Smith—was allowed to proceed on her journey, the rest were detained in Boston by General Gage, who gave them their choice—to join the British Army, go to Nova Scotia, or return to Scotland. Most returned to Scotland; a few went to Nova Scotia, of whom only two, John and Robert Hall, are known to have, many years later, come to Ryegate. Letters written from Scotland about that time give the names of some of them—William Bowie and family, James McBride and wife, Thomas Halley, William Tassie and sons.

Mr. Mason, in one of his sketches, contrasting the portions of Scotland which we have described, whence the Ryegate colonists came, with the untamed wilderness which lay before them here, almost wonders that they did not give up the task in despair and go back to their native land. There were, no doubt, some misgivings, when they contemplated what must be done before the dense forest could give place to fruitful farms, but they had not come here just to go back again. In their journey from the seaports where they had disembarked, they had passed through por-

tions of New England where they could observe the successive advances of civilization into the wilderness. In 1773, the older portions of the country had been settled as long as Ryegate has been settled now. As they advanced into the interior they would be informed that periods of peace with the Indians were marked by wide areas of new settlements. In the older places the country and its dwellings had the aspect of long established communities. As they proceeded, the country became new and newer, till they came to Newbury and Haverhill, whose remarkable advance had been the work of only ten years. They found there a condition which had surprised the commissioners, where people seemed to have an abundance of the necessities of life, and lived in a state of plenty which they had not known in Scotland. What Yankee grit had done in Newbury, Scotch grit could do in Ryegate, and they bent their minds and bodies to the task before them.

Some of the young men who came to this town worked for awhile near the sea coast, or among their countrymen in the vicinity of Londonderry, N. H. Others worked for a season or two in Newbury or Haverhill and earned money to pay for their land, or took their pay in cattle or sheep with which to begin farming for themselves. Meantime they learned Yankee ways. It will be remembered that only part of those who settled here were members of the Company, and thus entitled to shares of the land; the others were outsiders who purchased land where they could get it.

If the whole territory of Ryegate was now covered with such a forest as clothed its hills in 1773, the lumber would be worth more than the assessed value of the real estate and personal property now in the town. Such has been the rise in value of a product then considered as an incubus, to be disposed of in the easiest way.

No one could have foreseen then, or predicted the changes which time was to bring. Many farms were cleared in Ryegate, on which there were once happy homes, surrounded by fields where men worked; firesides around which the household gathered; where the father "took the Book"; whence the evening psalm and the evening prayer ascended; and, later, the stars and the hills watched over the sleeping farm house, where there is now only a cellar with a few apple trees keeping guard over it and broken walls show where once were well tilled fields. The old people went to their long rest; the younger ones scattered; the farm sold; the buildings went to decay. Many such the sad memories of the older people recall.

It has been often suggested that Whitelaw and Allan might have selected a better location than Ryegate for their colony, and their reasons given for their choice have seemed inadequate to many. It is easy, in the light of subsequent events, to criticize the actions of people so



BLUE MOUNTAIN FROM NORTH RYEGATE CREAMERY.



TICKLENAKED POND OR WITHERSPOON LAKE.

long ago, but it seems to us that their choice was a prudent one. It must be remembered, that in 1773, only a narrow strip along the eastern edge of the continent, had been settled. At that time, what is now the great state of Ohio, had not a single English settlement. It would not have been safe to push far beyond the settled parts of the country. The lands in the Mohawk Valley were then the frontier of civilization, and were rich and valuable, but the commissioners did not like the people, and their impressions of the inhabitants are like those recorded in the journal of Gen. Jacob Bayley, of Newbury, and Rev. Henry True, of Hampstead, who passed along the valley in the Old French War.

Had they formed a settlement there, they might have perished in the revolution, as did the settlers of Cherry Valley, a Scotch-Irish colony, in the massacres of 1778.

The commissioners chose Ryegate because it lay in the midst of a country which was rapidly filling up with inhabitants more like themselves than any other which they had visited, and where they felt that the civil and religious ideas, in which they had been trained, would be best preserved.

They were doubtful of this result elsewhere, and doubtful of the influences in other localities. The first settlers of Newbury were a religious people, and had hardly become settled in their log cabins before they had obtained a minister, and stated preaching of the gospel, and the church, organized in 1764, the oldest, but one, in the state, has always been one of the strongest in the Connecticut Valley. The Scotch settlers of Ryegate liked the English settlers of Newbury, the Newbury people liked them, and their minister, Mr. Powers, took them under his pastoral charge, while he remained.

Among the papers of Col. Thomas Johnson, preserved in Newbury, are many letters from the early settlers of Ryegate and Barnet, which indicate the regard and esteem with which the people of the whole valley held these colonists, and we can only consider it as a favorable circumstance that their lot was cast among congenial people. Had they settled in an unfriendly community, with whom they could have had little intercourse, where their religious views had met with opposition, it is certain that dissatisfaction and removals would soon have depopulated the colony.

Other considerations, as well as fertility of soil, mildness of climate, or ease of cultivation, make a place desirable for the residence of people like the settlers of Ryegate and Barnet.

In a previous chapter we mentioned some of the causes of the emigration from Scotland, which first settled the town. As the years went on, other reasons for leaving the old country contributed to increase the tide.

The conscription which attended the wars of Napoleon caused many young men to come to America in order to escape service in the army.

The introduction of spinning machines, and later, of the power loom, threw thousands of weavers and spinners out of employment, many of whom found means to come to this country. But the strongest inducement to emigration was the prosperity of their friends who had been here for some years.

The letters which Mr. Whitelaw received from Scotland, and are preserved, indicate to what an extent the idea of emigration had taken hold of the public mind, and how carefully each point had been considered. His abilities had raised him to a prominent position, and it was with pride that his relatives and friends told that James had become a great man in America. Mechanics, clerks, clergymen, schoolmasters, farmers, men of every sort, rich and poor, wrote to him for advice as to what part of the country the particular calling which each followed, would find the best place for its exercise.

CHAPTER IX.

THE HAZEN ROAD.

THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR.—THE POST OF DANGER.—THE HAZEN ROAD.—ITS GENERAL COURSE.—ITS CONSTRUCTION BEGUN BY GENERAL BAYLEY, AND ABANDONED.—PLANS FOR INVASION OF CANADA.—THE ROAD COMPLETED TO WESTFIELD.—WHY ABANDONED.—ANOTHER INVASION OF CANADA CONTEMPLATED.—THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY.—SUBSEQUENT HISTORY OF THE MILITARY ROAD.

THE Ryegate colonists had hardly erected a few log cabins in different parts of the town, and begun to clear the land about them, when the storm of the revolutionary war burst upon the country. This was very unfortunate for our people, not only that their situation on the frontier exposed them to danger, and continued alarms kept the people in constant anxiety, but the war retarded the growth of the settlement, and suspended during several years, the emigration from Scotland, which might have become quite large. The war also made all communication between the colonists and their friends in Scotland, infrequent and hazardous, and led, as we have seen, to some misunderstandings between the managers in Ryegate and the officers of the company at home.

It had been the intention of the Company's leading men in Scotland, as we are informed by the letters of their officers to Mr. Whitelaw, to expend considerable money on their lands in Ryegate, clearing farms and erecting buildings, which were to be sold to persons from that country who were able to pay for such improvements. If this had come to pass, and these letters show that many men of means had decided thus to come, and take possession of farms already cleared for them, much money would have been brought into the town, and its increase in wealth and population would have been very rapid. But the war changed all this, and instead of a season of prosperity, the colonists found themselves in imminent danger of being swept out of existence by the tide of war.

It was evident that in the event of a war between Great Britain and her colonies, Canada would be made a base of military operations, and an invasion of New England from that quarter would be expected. There were many reasons why such an invasion would take the Connecticut valley in its course. The industry of its inhabitants had turned it into fruitful farms, with flocks and herds in great numbers, on which an

invading army might subsist while gathering for an attack on the rear of New England, and the Indian trails which led to Canada and to Lake Champlain could be utilized as routes for an army, and made passable for a military advance.

Should such an invasion be made, the Ryegate settlers would be in its path, and upon them the blow would first fall. Yet there seems to have been no talk of abandoning the enterprise, the work of subduing the wilderness went steadily on, and in spite of alarms and military service, new families came in, farms were cleared, and people were born, married and died all through the seven years the war lasted.

Cut off as they were from aid, which had not the war come on, they would have had from Scotland, they relied for protection upon their neighbors at Newbury. There were in that town and Haverhill at that time, several men whose ability and military experience were to prove a tower of strength to the whole valley, and by whose sagacity and energy the northern frontier of New England was destined to be protected.

The chief of these was Jacob Bayley, who had served with great reputation in the late war, and had been the leading spirit in the settlement of Newbury and Haverhill. His name is justly venerated throughout this valley, and he was alike redistinguished for his talents, his patriotism, and his piety. He sacrificed a large estate in behalf of his country; his influence over the Indians preserved the settlements from danger; and it was mainly by his instrumentality that the ranger system was established in the wilderness. Of this we shall speak later. There were others, Col. Thomas Johnson, Col. Jacob Kent, Col. Frye Bayley, Col. Robert Johnston of Newbury and his brother Charles at Haverhill, and Col. Bedel of the latter place. These were men of great fame in their time.

In the winter of 1775-'76 an American force invaded Canada in two divisions, one by Lake Champlain, and the other, with great hardship and suffering, by the way of Kennebec River. This invasion seemed for a time to promise success, but the American troops were repulsed, and all the advantage gained was soon lost. It had been expected that upon the appearance of an American army, the Canadians would throw off the British yoke and join the movement for independence. But they remained passive; the army in Canada was forced to retire, and it was necessary to send troops to protect their retreat. The first regiments were sent by way of Lake Champlain, but another and easier route was made through the eastern part of this state, whose beginning is described in a letter written by Col. Thomas Johnson to Major Caleb Stark, dated April 20, 1804, recommending a route for the contemplated stage line between Boston and Montreal.

"At the time General Montgomery had his defeat at Quebec, troops were wanted to send into Canada the easiest and safest way possible. General Washington inquired which way he could send them with the greatest possible despatch. General Bayley happening to be in the way informed him that they might go more safely by way of Coös and the Missisco Bay at that season of the year. After part of the men had marched, Gen. Washington sent counter orders for what men had not marched to march by Missisco. At the same time for one man who could be depended upon, to go forward with two or three men with him to make a track and when troops had got into Canada, for that man to return, and make a report of the time and points of compass. I took that fatiguing duty upon myself. We went from here the 26th of March, were four days from this place to Missisco Bay, and one more to St. Johns. The rivers and lakes were breaking up. The troops got in well, and those that had gone from this river by Lake Champlain ten days sooner, were only arriving when I got in."*

Indian Joe is believed to have been their guide. Frye Bayley, John McLean, Abial and Silas Chamberlin were of the party, and the journal of the expedition is as follows:

"Tuesday, March 26. Set out from Newbury, lodged with the last inhabitant, waited half a day for the rest of the soldiers to come up, good land for a road. Wed. 27. Marched ten miles, good country. Thurs. 28. Marched twelve miles, good land for a road, except three miles. Saturday 30. Marched fifteen miles, good country for a road except about two miles. Sunday 31. Marched ten miles to Mr. Metcalf's, good country, waited half a day for the rear. Monday, April 1. Marched twenty-five miles to St. Johns. Tuesday 2. Tarried at St. Johns. Wednesday 3. Returned to Mr. Metcalf's. Thursday 4. Tarried for the rear. 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th returned home. Distance from Newbury to St. Johns 92 miles."

Along the trail thus located, several regiments passed to Canada on snow shoes.

The fact being determined that troops could be sent into Canada some days sooner by this than by any other route, led the Continental authorities to attempt the construction of a military road from Newbury to St. Johns, along the general course of the great Indian trail, which Johnson had followed. Major James Wilkinson was the engineer appointed to locate the military route, since known as the Hazen Road, and he carried the survey in a course as nearly straight as the inequalities of the ground permitted, from Newbury to Canada. Any one who will take the trouble to look south along this ancient highway from the top of the hill at the Gray farm, as it stretches with undeviating precision over hill and valley, will be impressed by its difference from any other road in this part of the country. The surveys, now understood to be in the possession of the War Department at Washington, were, in general, the work of Major Wilkinson, but many of the details were wrought out by James Whitelaw. The present highway in Ryegate,

* Original among the Johnson papers owned by T. C. Keyes at Newbury.

from Wells River through the central part of the town to Barnet line, follows, except for a short distance, the line of the old military road. It went in a straight course through the farm now owned by Hermon Miller and the Henderson farm past the buildings. The road from the Henderson farmhouse north toward the Corner, is along the military road.

The survey of the Boston and Montreal turnpike, still preserved at Montpelier, made by General Whitelaw in 1809, is understood to follow, with few deviations, the Hazen Road from Newbury to Canada line, and affords some details to add to our knowledge of the route. This survey began in Wells River village, at the corner near the residence of the late Col. Erastus Baldwin, from which it is five miles to a point in the road a few feet beyond the store at Ryegate Corner, four miles more taking it to Barnet line. Just beyond the Walter Harvey Meeting house the Hazen Road is the one which makes the sharp turn up the hill to the left, passing behind Harvey's Mountain to Peacham Corner, fourteen miles from the starting point.

From Peacham it passed, apparently, through the extreme southwest part of Danville into Cabot. In this latter town the road has been altered, and its precise location is somewhat obscure. It passed over Cabot plain, between Joe's and Molly's Ponds into Walden, where it went through the southwest part of the town, entering Hardwick, and descending a fearfully steep hill to the Lamoille River, a distance of twenty-eight and one-half miles from Wells River. Crossing the river it passed through Hardwick Street, and thence into Greensboro between Caspian Lake and Ely's Pond, to Craftsbury Common. It went thence west of Hosmer Pond, climbing the east side of Lowell Mountain by a rugged road along the mountain side to its summit, whence it descends to Lowell Village. It then took the course west of Walker's Pond, through the southwest part of Westfield to the summit of a notch in Westfield Mountain, fifty-four miles from where it began. There has been some question as to where the Hazen Road properly begins. This point is easily decided. Gen. Hazen gives the terminus of the road at the Notch as stated above, while the turnpike survey which began where the Ryegate road turns from the river road in Wells River village, to the same point gives the same distance. Consequently the Hazen Road begins at Wells River. For the first few miles it probably followed the road which the settlers had made to their lands. The bridge across Wells River was a few rods above where it is now, at that time.

There has been, also, some doubt as to which of several roads in Orleans County follows the line of the old military road, but Thompson's Gazetteer, published in 1824, says: "The present road from Peacham

to Kellyvale, (Lowell) occupies the same ground over which the Hazen Road passed."

When we consider that the road was built one hundred and thirty years ago, before a town was chartered, or a settlement made, north of Peacham, and that the whole region was an unbroken wilderness, it is no wonder that the precise location of a few short sections should be obscure. The surveyors followed the general course of the Indian trail, knowing that they invariably chose the best location for their forest paths.

In June, 1776, General Bayley began the work, and sent sixty men with teams to cut trees, and construct the road, which was made wide enough to permit the passage of carts, to a point just over the Cabot line, where it was discontinued, on report of the capture of St. Johns and that troops were coming to destroy the settlement. It is not now believed that any such force was at hand, but that the alarm was contrived by the tories to frighten people, and stop the building of the road. It succeeded so well that no further work was done upon it for two years.

Another very urgent reason may have hastened the abandonment. In a letter written by General Bayley to the Provincial Congress, Feb. 26, 1777, he says:

"I had in pay 60 men from the 1st of July to the 10th of September at ten dollars per month, and supplied them, which were the only soldiers in this quarter. During this time I was desired by committees of this and Neighboring states to do this service (they were men I had hired to make the road to Canada). I must desire you to consider my Case, and grant me relief by paying me the roll offered you by my clerk, Mr. William Wallace—as I cannot do justice to the American cause without. The militia are now on their march from this County. I am obliged to advance Marching Money, and I am,

Gentlemen, your most obedient humble servant,

JACOB BAYLEY."*

It seems probable from this letter, that this section of the road was constructed at General Bayley's expense, and it is very probable, also, that he was never repaid, at least in full. It would seem that his name should have been given to it, instead of General Hazen's. The latter only constructed a part of it, and not, probably, at his own cost. It has been proposed to call it the Bayley-Hazen road, and this would be no more than restoring the honor to him who deserves it most.

But he continued to believe that there would be no peace along the frontier, as long as the tories were sustained by the hope of help from Canada, and his scouts brought him information that if a force was sent thither, sufficient to insure protection, the inhabitants would throw off

* Documentary History of New York, I., 691.

the British yoke. In the summer of 1778, preparations were made for another invasion of Canada. Great quantities of military stores were collected at Haverhill and Newbury, and many men were enlisted for the service.

On the 13th of July, 1778, General Bayley wrote from Newbury to General Gates, as follows:

"Col. Hazen arrived here last evening, and has communicated to me what his business is respecting a land road into Canada, together with what provision may be had here. It is my opinion, by the many observations I have made of the country between this place and Canada, that it is very practicable. I have once, by Major James Wilkinson, surveyed a road from this place to St. Johns, which is marked and good at 95 miles; the same is made about thirty miles, the rest is well marked. * * * I have not the least doubt but six or eight, or ten thousand bushels of wheat can be purchased in this quarter, and beef in plenty; as for forage, if wanted, I will supply from my farm 100 tons of hay, etc. Should an expedition into Canada be undertaken (if wanted), I will assist, and I should think myself happy to serve another successful campaign, with your Honor, which, I doubt not, but another into Canada would be.

JACOB BAYLEY."*

It will be seen, by this, that another invasion of Canada was being planned, and it was decided to complete the road, which Bayley had begun, and General Moses Hazen was ordered to move his military stores to Peacham. He accordingly made requisition upon the selectmen of the river towns to provide teams for the purpose. A large portion of Bedel's regiment, which had seen much service, and Whitcomb's rangers were ordered to Peacham to begin the construction of the road. It began in May, 1779, and was continued till the end of August. A block house was erected at Peacham, as a base of operations, and as the work progressed, one was erected in Cabot, another in Walden, and a third in Greensboro. Wells were dug at various points, swamps were bridged with logs, and the whole made passable for teams. General Hazen encamped for some time on the present site of Lowell village, and the place was called by him, "The Camp at the End of the Road," although its actual terminus is some miles further on.

Work on the military road was discontinued about the last of August, 1779, and all the men and teams employed in its construction were withdrawn. Garrisons were maintained at the block-houses at intervals while the war lasted. During the summer of 1781, Capt. Nehemiah Lovewell of Newbury was stationed at Peacham with his company. In September, four men, Constant Bliss of Thetford, Moses Sleeper

*N. H. State Papers, Vol.

NOTE. The biography of Major (afterwards General) James Wilkinson, makes no mention of this survey, but he was with the army in Canada, and on detached service connected with it at the time, some of this survey may have been connected with this enterprise.

of Newbury, Nehemiah Martin of Bradford, and Nahum Powers, were sent by him to take possession of the block-house in Greensboro. In an unguarded moment, while at some distance from the building, they were attacked by Indians. Bliss and Sleeper were killed, and the others carried to Canada. General Hazen* also camped a few weeks on Cabot plain and fortified a hill or elevation near it. One summer, probably 1781, or 1782, two companies of Continental troops were encamped on the Gray farm in Ryegate. They were short of provisions, and stole some of Mr. Gray's potatoes. The good man protested to the commanding officer, but was only told that "Hunger will break through a stone wall."

Considerable mystery attends the building of the Hazen Road, and we are not able to shed much light upon the disputed points. After all that has been written about it we are not certain why it was constructed, or by whose orders, and why, being built nearly to Canada line, it was so suddenly abandoned. General Hazen, writing from his camp in what is now Lowell village, under date of August 24, 1779, announces to Colonel Bedel, his determination to put an end to the work by the next Saturday night, as if it was his personal affair, and he was at liberty to discontinue it when he chose. Yet it is certain that its construction and progress were well known to General Gates, and other high officers in the American army.

NOTE.

State of Vermont,
To Nahum Powers, Dr.
To sundry articles taken from him by the savages in the month of August, 1781, when he was taken prisoner from Capt. Nehemiah Lovewell Company and Col. Waits regiment as follows:—viz.—

To one Gun	72/	Powder horn	6/	£3.18.0
Straps and Bullet pouch			6/	6.0
One Beaver hat	52/	One frock	12/	3. 4.0
One pair shoes	12/	Buckles	6/	18.0
Knapsack and belt	6/	Jackknife	3/	9.0
One Blanket	18/			18.0
				£9.13.0

To his wages from the 24th of Nov. unto the 22d day of June, 1782, when he was in captivity, after the term of his enlistment was out, being 7 months saving ten days at 40/ per month is near,

14.00.0
£23.13.0

True account, Errors Excepted. pr me,

NAHUM POWERS.

Asserted by me, Nehemiah Lovewell. Capt'n.
(Original at Montpelier)

* Moses Hazen was born at Haverhill, Mass., June 1, 1733, and served with great distinction in the French war, after which he settled near St. Johns, and was a wealthy man. He espoused the American cause, rendered efficient service, and was made a Brigadier General in 1777. After the war he settled near Troy, N. Y., where he died in 1803. He was a brother of Capt. John Hazen of Haverhill, who died before the war.

It has been thought that an invasion of Canada had been planned, and that the road was constructed to provide a quick and easy passage for an army with artillery and supplies. The further conjecture follows, that the abandonment, at least temporarily, of the plan, led to the discontinuance of work upon the road. Others have considered the work as done merely to deceive the Canadian authorities into the belief that such an invasion was about to be made, and thus prevent them from sending troops from Canada to reinforce the army around New York. As far as we can perceive, it was abandoned for the reason that Hazen's scouts gave warning that Indians and small detachments of Canadian militia were lurking in the woods, and that he feared being captured. On his retreat he sent out flanking parties to scour the woods on each side, but was not molested.

We are not informed as to the number of men employed in its construction, but the force of workmen must have been large, to have accomplished such a work in so short a time. During its progress supplies were daily sent from Newbury and Haverhill under convoy of a strong guard, and that part of it which lay in Ryegate, must have been a very busy thoroughfare for some time.

A number of letters, too long to give here, are preserved in what are known as the "Bedel Papers," and the "Hibbard Collection," owned by the New Hampshire Historical Society, and published in Vols. XIV., XV., XVI., and XVII., of the N. H. State Papers.

In 1780, another invasion of Canada was contemplated, as appears from the following letters, which are preserved among the Little papers at Newburyport, and which, it is believed, have never before been published:

"Col. Moses Hazen, by Command of General Washington to Brigadier Gen'l. Bayley at Coös, (Public Service)

Dear Sir:—

The Commander-in-chief approves of your sending parties into Canada, for intelligence, and I have it in Command from him to desire you will continue your inquiries in such manner as you may judge necessary to obtain the certain and authentic information of the enemy's strength and position in Canada, the Gen'l. officers in that country, the different corps and by whom commanded, the general disposition of the people, and the laws by which they are governed, the situation of the country in respect to provisions, and the present crops of grain and hay. If any, what re-inforcements have arrived in the country, (Canada), since last year, and any and all matters which you may think necessary.

This will be to you a sufficient authority.

I am yours, &c.,

MOSES HAZEN.

N. B. Also what ships of war, transports and Merchant ships are in the River St. Lawrence.

Brig-Gen. Bayley.

The following letter is without address, but is believed to have been written to Colonel Moses Little, who was then at Newbury, or to General Bayley.

CAMP NEAR MORRISTOWN, 15 June, 1780.

Dr. Sir:—Together with this you have a public letter which will enable you to charge any and all expenses which you have or may be at, in obtaining intelligence from Canada. I thought it best to bring James (?) to this place in order to have it in my power the sooner to advise you of the reception our matters met with in this place.

The General (Washington), appears pleased with the measures taken and the probability of securing the grain and has ordered that the magazine of beef at Charlestown be not removed, but remain for the present in that place.

The French fleet is not expected before the end of the month. The Marquis (Lafayette), is warm for what we wish, measures are being taken to accomplish this. But such is our feeble situation in this quarter, that time and circumstances must determine our future operations.

I hope you will secure the grain, as that will be a great point gained. There is a late resolution of Congress respecting, as I am informed, the protection of your country; what it is I do not know; it shall be forwarded as soon as I lay hands on it. Upon the whole, I have the strongest hopes of success in our wishes, yet they are not without some well grounded fears that the enterprise will not be undertaken. If it should be, by what I can learn, it will be a most formidable plan.

The commander-in-chief is steady to the point. Schuyler is deeply interested in it. Much depends upon the information you obtain from Canada. Pray let this supply your whole time and attention. You must settle a constant patrol, so as to have news from Canada every ten days, at least, which transmit to headquarters, writing me a line at the same time.

I have ordered Boileau-Lagrande to transport themselves from Albany to Coös, and put themselves under your command. It is possible that Gaseline may be sent off to you by some other route in a few days.

The enemy hath hitherto had such a force in the Jerseys as has made it imprudent for the Gen'l. to act on the offensive, a disagreeable circumstance for him to be under, more especially as Charleston is lost, our southern army prisoners of war. Cornwallis is advancing toward N. Carolina, and Gen. Clinton, with a great part of the army, on the way to return to New York. But "whatever is, is right;" we shall be free, and I hope end the campaign successfully. All these matters keep to yourself, as they ought not, nay, must not, go abroad.

In conjunction with Col. Bedel, I beg you will plant a few potatoes, sow a little turnip seed and grass seed and a few handfuls of oats on the cleared land at the Blockhouses. You know what I mean by it. A word to the wise, etc., &c. Please to communicate the contents to Col. Bedel, and believe me,

Dear Sir, yours most sincerely,

MOSES HAZEN.*

It certainly appears by these letters, that an expedition was seriously considered at headquarters, for which preparations were about to begin,

*These letters were procured for the editor by the late Hon. Benjamin Hale of Newburyport.

and this invasion was to be made by way of the Connecticut valley and the Hazen Road.

Some allusions in these letters need explanation, in regard to securing the grain, etc.: By 1780 the Coös Country had become so productive as to export great quantities of wheat and other grain. In case of an invasion of Canada by an army, passing through the valley, all the grain, which could be gathered, would be needed for its support, and active measures were taken in the river towns to prevent its being carried away. At a town meeting duly warned in Newbury, Feb. 4, 1780, "To see what measures should be taken to prevent the grain being sent out of the place," a committee was chosen to act with a committee of Haverhill, to take "effectual measures" to that end. The Haverhill records show corresponding action.

But whatever may have been contemplated, the march of events was not in the direction of the Canadian frontier. In September the treason of Arnold came to light, and the future events of the war were in the south.

Another sentence in the second letter, in which Hazen suggests planting and sowing around the blockhouses, relates to a claim which these men intended to make to some of the ungranted lands in the north part of the state. Peacham was chartered in 1763, but Walden, Cabot, Hardwick, Greensboro and the other towns along the road were not granted till after the war. Col. Moses Little was a large land holder, and portions of his lands in Newbury are still owned by his descendants in that town. A space around each blockhouse was cleared of trees and by raising a crop, however small, a claim might be set up to a section of land.]

It is not quite true, as has been sometimes stated, that the Hazen Road was never of any use from a military point of view. It had a strategic value during the last years of the war, as it lay, an open route for the American forces, which could be utilized to strike a blow upon the enemy in Canada. It gave also to the ranger service along the frontier, a direct route to the danger points in the wilderness upon which a constant watch was kept during the war. The safety of New England demanded the protection of its northern frontier, and a system of patrols kept the authorities informed of the enemy's movements. Companies of soldiers were stationed in the Coös Country and along the Hazen road to guard the frontier, and these measures were fairly successful.

But in spite of all precautions, from the beginning of the war to its close, the Coös country, and the Ryegate settlers as well, were kept in constant alarm, and with good reason. In 1780, houses were burned in Peacham along the Hazen Road, and their occupants carried to Canada. In August a party of Indians came into Barnard, and carried off three men. In October, Capt. Nehemiah Lovewell of Newbury, who was sta-

tioned with part of his company at Peacham to guard the Hazen Road, was with a small scout near the Lamoille River, when they discovered a force of three hundred British and Indians making their way south through the woods. He sent men to warn the country, all the militia north of Charlestown turned out, and the invaders, who had intended to destroy Newbury, turned aside and burned Royalton. This was called the "Great Alarm."

In March, 1781, Col. Thomas Johnson of Newbury, who had contracted with James Bailey of Peacham, to build a grist mill in that place, went there with Josiah and Jacob Page, and two ox teams with the mill stones. They stayed over night with John Orr in Ryegate, and the next night put up with Dea. Jonathan Elkins in Peacham, where Ellery McLaughlin now lives. In the night the house was surrounded by British and Tories. Johnson, Jacob Page and Jonathan Elkins Jr., were taken prisoners, and carried to Canada. The capture of such a prominent man as Col. Johnson indicated the ever-present danger of the inhabitants, and it had a great influence upon local history till the end of the war, and long after.

Several attempts were made to capture General Jacob Bayley of Newbury. On the 15th of June, 1782, a force of eighteen men surprised his house, but he had been warned, and escaped to Haverhill. One man, Ezra Gates, was wounded in the affray. We mention these events to show the dangerous position in which Ryegate people found themselves placed.

The Hazen Road was an important factor in the settlement of the north part of the state, as it was the first road, and for many years the only one, in what are now Lamoille and Orleans counties. The first clearings were made along its course, and from it as a trunk line roads extended east and west. Settlers found by it a ready ingress to their new homes, and by its use, the settlement of that part of the state was hastened by several years. Among the first to seek homes there, were some of the men who had been employed upon it, and had learned the value of the land. The block-houses which had been erected for defense and protection in war, were turned to useful purposes in days of peace. In the block-house in Walden was held the first preaching service and the first school; it was temporarily occupied by several families, and in it was born the first white child in that town.

It became the first stage road between Boston and Montreal, and for nearly its entire length it is still in constant use, and one of the landmarks of the state. It was built by the sacrifices of patriots who gave their property and pledged their credit to build this road for the defense of the country.

On the 21st of August, 1903, a granite tablet, suitably inscribed, was erected to mark the terminus of the road at Hazen's Notch, in Westfield, and a large audience listened to a carefully prepared address by Hon. F. W. Baldwin, who has kindly allowed its use in preparing this chapter. This monument, erected under the auspices of the Orleans County Historical Society, should be followed by the placing of others marking the entire course of this historic road, the location of its block-houses, and other sites.

The survey and outline maps of the towns north of Barnet, preserved in the office of the Secretary of State, at Montpelier, give the correct location of the Hazen Road.

CHAPTER X.

RYEGATE IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

PATRIOTISM OF THE COLONISTS.—MINUTE-MEN.—THE GREAT ALARM.—THE CAMPAIGN OF BURGOYNE.—HIS INSTRUCTION TO COL. BAUME.—CAPT. FRYE BAYLEY'S COMPANY.—ADVENTURE OF BARTHOLOMEW SOMERS.—BLOCKHOUSE.—ANECDOTES.

IN the last chapter we spoke of certain events of the revolutionary war which affected Ryegate to some extent, and in the present one we will consider the part which the inhabitants themselves, or some of them, took in the great struggle.

Some surprise has been expressed that the colonists of Ryegate and Barnet, only lately from Great Britain, should at once have adopted the views of the American patriots, when we might expect them to have adhered to the British cause. But the Whitelaw correspondence shows that the colonists were from that large class of thoughtful men in Scotland, whose experience of class rule, and whose sober judgment led them to view with apprehension the encroachments of the crown and to sympathize with the rebels in America. This class of citizens, which was much larger than we generally suppose, was influential enough in the beginning of the struggle to offer considerable opposition to the measures of Government. This party steadily increased in numbers and influence as the war went on, until its representation in parliament became numerous enough to refuse further supplies for carrying on the war.

Dr. Witherspoon, himself one of the leaders in the patriot cause and interested in the welfare of the Ryegate settlers, set before them, not alone by letters, but by personal visits and addresses, the advantages of independence.

There can be but little doubt but that the views of our colonists fresh from Great Britain, with personal knowledge of the evils of the administration of George III, had their influence with their American neighbors. The latter held their Scotch compatriots in high esteem, and the Bayley and Johnson papers preserved at Newbury, record the confidence which was felt in the judgment and experience of Col. Alexander Harvey of Barnet. So far as our information extends, there was not a tory among the Scotch settlers of either town.

The old colonial laws required military duty of all able bodied men. Accordingly Mr. Whitelaw tells us that "on the 14th of May, 1776, the

inhabitants met in order to choose military officers, and chose James Henderson, captain; Robert Brock, lieutenant, and Bartholemew Somers, ensign."

No roll of this company has come to light, but it probably included some non-residents who were at work there, clearing land. In May, 1775, a company of minute-men was formed at Newbury, and the muster-roll includes several men who lived in the east part of Barnet, but none from Ryegate, so we may conclude that there were men enough in the town to form a company, but how they were armed we are not informed. In Bath the first military company mustered only a few guns, and most of the men carried cornstalks at drill, to deceive the Indians, and that at all times the enemy was near, and lurking in the woods, few doubted. But the colonists were almost without means of defense. Col. Harvey wrote to General Bayley urging that if it were possible, some powder and flints should be sent the settlers in Barnet, as he doubted if there was a pound of powder in the town. A few weeks later, he gratefully acknowledged the receipt of two pounds of powder and fifty flints from the Newbury stock.

The whole northern country was in a state of anxious suspense during the spring of 1776, rumors of invasion increased, and the defeat of the army in Canada rendered the position of the Coös country very hazardous. On the 18th of June, St. Johns was retaken by the British, and on the 24th of June the Committees of Safety from all the towns in the valley met at General Bayley's house in Newbury to concert measures for the safety of the country. It was decided to send messengers to warn all the settlers along the frontier. Mr. Whitelaw tells the result in Ryegate, thus:

"On the first of July, upon the alarm coming of St. Johns being retaken by the Regulars, and that Indians would be sent through to lay waste the country, all the people of Ryegate moved down to Newbury, where they had more company and foolishly thought there was less danger, but after staying there about ten days, and seeing no appearance of danger, they all returned to their respective homes."

William Neilson was the only one of the colonists who stood his ground. Mr. Mason says that he was returning from Newbury, with a bag of meal on his back, when he met the Ryegate and Barnet people as they were going down the hill north of Wells River, men, women and children. He accompanied his family to Newbury, where he spent one night, and then declaring that he had "not come all the way from Scotland to be driven off his land," returned to his cabin. The afternoon was spent in concealing his valuables—hiding his silver, it is said, under hills of potatoes—he barricaded his cabin, loaded his pistols, and went to bed, expecting to be aroused by the attack of the Indians. The sun was

an hour high when he awoke, the morning was beautiful, and no appearance of the savage enemy was to be seen. Neilson remained alone in his cabin till the people returned from Newbury, but afterwards declared that the suspense, with no one within many miles, in momentary expectation of attack, was an experience which he would never repeat.

As a matter of fact, a small number of Canadians followed the trail to the borders of Peacham, but ventured no further. The tories, of whom there were numbers in Haverhill and Newbury, seized the occasion to create a panic.

The year 1777 was one of anxiety and stress to the colonies, as the government of Great Britain had devised plans, whose execution was expected to crush the insurrection in America, in one decisive campaign. An army was assembled in Canada, which was intended to advance by way of Lake Champlain to Hudson river, and form a junction with the forces of General Clinton, which were to ascend the river from New York, and thus sever New England from the middle colonies. It was known all over the country that great preparations were going on in Canada, and all the Committees of Safety were engaged in raising forces to oppose them, but it was not known what direction such an invasion was to take.

It was the opinion of General Bayley and others, who were intrusted with the defense of the northern frontier, that the British would invade the country in two divisions, one of which would descend the Connecticut valley, and thus the settlements in the Coös Country would be the first to be exposed to the ravages of war. In that case, our Ryegate colonists, being an outpost, were in great danger.

That this fear was not without foundation is shown by General Burgoyne's testimony before the committee of the House of Commons upon the conduct of the war in America, that if he had not been strictly bound by his orders to invade the country with his entire army by way of Lake Champlain, he would have detached a large force in this direction, and thus divide the militia sent to oppose him, and at the same time secure supplies in the thriving settlements of the Connecticut valley.

The alarm of war was early heard, and on the 22d of February, says the journal of Col. Frye Bayley, an express came from General Schuyler, to "take every fifth man in the militia to go to Ticonderoga and re-inforce the garrison." All the militia in the region assembled on the 24th, at the inn of Col. Robert Johnston, a building still standing at the south end of Newbury village. On the 26th the men set out. No record of their names is preserved, and we do not know whether any Ryegate men were among them, or any who afterward settled here. Neither do we know how long they were absent, or in what particular service they were engaged.

In the month of June the army of General Burgoyne passed over the entire length of Lake Champlain, a magnificent sight, and on the 29th encamped before Fort Ticonderoga, which was evacuated on the 6th of July. The invading army consisted of 8000 British and German troops, beside Canadian militia and Indians. At that place he issued a proclamation, promising rewards to those who joined his army, protection to those who remained quiet, and extermination to those who resisted. He also threatened to unloose all the northern Indians upon the settlements. Many of the savages joined his army but he could not control them, and their outrages roused the country to resistance.

But it took time to gather the militia, and secure supplies for their maintenance in a new country, while in the meantime Burgoyne made his way unchecked to the Hudson, which he reached on the 29th of July, and expected to form, in a few days, a junction with Clinton. He had been led to believe that the settlements in the region now called Vermont, abounded with men who were at least loyal to the British cause, and who only waited for protection to join the army. He was also in need of horses, and of supplies for the army, and conceived the idea of sending a detachment of his force eastward to Arlington and Manchester, and, if circumstances permitted, across the mountains to Connecticut River, from which place they were to return by the great road to Albany. This detachment was to be under the command of Colonel Frederick Baume, a veteran German officer.

Among the valuable Johnson papers, owned by the Tenney Memorial Library at Newbury, is one which is believed to be, by its internal evidence, Burgoyne's amended draft, in his own handwriting, of his instructions to Col. Baume. This unique document, whose historic value had escaped notice, is, by special vote of the library trustees, permitted to be printed, for the first time, in this volume.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR LT. COL. BAUME.

The Object of your Expedition is to try the Affections of the Country, to Disconcert the Councils of the Enemy, to mount the Riedesel Dragoons, to complete Peters' Corps, and to obtain large supplies of Cattle, Horses and Carriages. The several Corps, of which the enclos'd is a list, are to be under your Command: the Troops must take no Tents, and what little baggage is carried by the officers must be on their own Bat-Horses. You are to procede from Batenkill to Arlington and take Post there till the Detachments of the Provincials under the Command of Capt. Sherwood shall join you from the Southward.

NOTE. Col Robert Johnston of Newbury, and his brother, Col. Charles Johnston of Haverhill, were among the most prominent men in this part of the country during the revolutionary war. Of the former's daughters, one married Gen. James Whitelaw, another, John Scott of Ryegate and Newbury, a third married William Tice of Barnet, another was the grandmother of the late Gov. C. J. Bell, of Walden, a fifth daughter married Jonas Tucker of Newbury. His sons were also prominent men.

Again: you are then to procede to Manchester where you will take Post, so as to secure the Pass of the Mountains on the Road from Manchester to Rockingham. From hence you will Detach the Endians and Light Troops to the Northward toward Otter Creek on their Return, and Receiving Intelligence that no Enemy is in force upon Connecticut River. You will procede by the Road over the Mountains to Rockingham where you will take Post: this will be the most Distant part of the Expedition, [and must be proceeded upon with Caution, as you will have the Defile of the Mountains behind you which might make a Retreat Difficult.] You must therefore endeavour to be well informed of the force of the Enemy's Militia in the Neighbouring Country. [Should you find it may with Prudence be Affected] you are to remain there [while the Endians and Light Troops are Detatch'd up the River] and you are afterward to Descend the River to Brattleborough and from that place by the Quickest March you are to return by the Great Road to Albany. During your whole Progress your Detachments are to have Orders to bring in all Horses fit to mount the Dragoons under your Command, or to serve as * Bat-Horses to your Troops, together with as many Saddles and Bridles as can be procured. [The Number of Horses with those necessary for mounting the regt. of the Dragoons ought to be thirteen hundred. If you can bring more for the use of the Army it will be so much the better]. Your parties are Likewise to bring in Wagons and other convenient Carriages with as many Draught Oxen as will be necessary to draw them and all Cattle fit for slaughter, milch Cows only excepted, which are to be left for the use of the Inhabitants.

Regular Receipts in the Form here-to-subjoined are to be given in places where any of the above-mentioned articles are taken—to such Persons as have remained quiet in their Habitations and otherwise complied with the Terms of General Burgoyne's manifesto, but no Receipts to be given to those who are known to be Active in the service of the Rebels [as you will have with you Persons perfectly acquainted with the Abilities of the Country.] It may perhaps be Advisable to take those several Districts with the Portions of the several Articles and Limit the Horses for the delivery.

And should you find it Necessary to move before such Delivery can be made, Hostages of the Most Respectable People should be taken to secure the Following the next day.

All possible means are to be used to prevent Plundering as it is probable that Capt. Sherwood, who is already detached to the Several and will join you at Arlington will drive in a Considerable Quantity of Cattle and Horses to you and you will therefore send in these Cattle to the Army with a proper Detachment from Peter's Corps in Order to Disencumber Yourselves, but you must always keep the Regiment of Dragoons compact. The Dragoons must themselves ride and take care of the Horses of the Regiment. The Horses destined for the use of the Army must be tied together in strings of ten each in order that one man may lead ten horses. You will give the unarmed men of Peter's Corps to conduct them, and any inhabitants whom you can trust. You must always keep your Camps in Good Provision, but at the same time where there is Pasture you must have a Chain of Sentinels around your Cattle where Grazing. Col. Skeene will be with you as much as possible to help you to Distinguish the Good Subjects from the Bad—to procure the best intelligence of the Enemy and choose those People who are to bring me the Accounts of your Progress and Success.

* Bat-Horse, i. e., Pack Horse.

When you find it Necessary to halt a Day or Two you will always Intrench the Camp of the Regiment of Dragoons in Order to Resist an Attack or Affront from the Enemy. [As you will return with the Regiment of Dragoons mounted you must always have a detachment of Peter's or Fraser's Corps in front of the Column, the same as in the Rear in order to prevent your falling into an Ambuscade when you march through the Woods.] You will use all possible means to make the Country believe that the Troops under your Command are the advance Corps of the Army and that it is to pass to Connecticut on the Road to Boston. You will likewise insinuate that the main army from Albany is to be Joined at Springfield by the Corps of Troops from Rhodeisland.

It is highly probable that the Corps under Mr. Warner, now supposed to be at Manchester, will Retreat before you—but should they contrary to Expectation be able to Collect in great force and post themselves Advantageously, it is left to your Discretion to Attack them or not.

Always bearing in mind that your Corps is too Valuable to let any considerable loss be Hazarded on this Occasion. Should any Corps be moved from Mr. Arnold's main Army to intercept your Retreat, you are to take as strong a Post as the Country will afford. And send the quickest intelligence to me, and you may depend on my making such Movements as shall put the Enemy Between two Fire's or otherwise sustain you.

It is imagined that the Progress of the whole Expedition may be effected in about a fortnight. But every Movement of it Depends on your Success in or obtaining such supplies of Provision as will enable you to subsist on your return to the Army in case you cannot get any more. [& should not the Army reach Albany Before your Expedition shall be completed, I will find some way to send you notice of it, and give your Route another Direction.]

All Persons acting in Committees, or any Officers acting in or under the Direction of the Congress, either Civil or Military are to be made Prisoners.

I heartily wish you Success.

I am Sir your Most Obedient Humble Servant,
JN. BURGoyNE, CO. GEN'L.

Headquarters Near Saratoga.

Augst 7th, 1777.

Comparison of this remarkable paper with other copies of Burgoyne's orders to Col. Baume, reveals some interesting facts. A volume printed in London, in 1780, entitled the "State of the Expedition from Canada, by J. Burgoyne," and giving not only Burgoyne's testimony before the committee of the House of Commons, but copies of his letters and orders, gives, in parallel columns, his first draft of instructions, and in the other the amendments and additions to this first draft. In the letter, as we give it here, it is precisely as there printed, and the amendments to the original draft are here indicated by parentheses. In the volume of 1780, the spelling is corrected, and the use of capitals conforms to the ordinary usage. In this volume the last sentence, beginning in the copy we have given, "All persons acting," etc., is wanting, as well as the address and signature. In the second volume of the collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society, 1793, is given the "Original Orders of General Burgoyne to Colonel Baume," "from the original presented to the

Society by General Lincoln." It differs here and there from the Newbury copy, and is signed "J. Burgoyne, Lt.-Gen'l., Head Q'rs., Aug. 9, 1777." In the N. H. State Papers, Vol. VIII., pp. 664-666, a fourth copy is given, which differs slightly from either of the others, and Dr. Bouton, the editor, says that the headquarters were at Fort Edward. He does not state where he obtained his copy. The one owned by the library at Newbury, and bound in the volume of the military papers of Colonel Thomas Johnson, is certainly a rare and valuable historical document.

Had these original orders been carried out, and had Baume been properly supported, the entire Connecticut valley, from the Coös Country southward, might have been over-run. But when the troops, under Col. Baume, reached Battenkill, on the 12th of August, Gen. Burgoyne, by new orders, instructed him to proceed directly to Bennington, and capture the magazine of military stores at that place.

These later orders led to his complete overthrow, and, in the sequel, to that of Burgoyne himself.

In August a company under the command of Capt. Thomas Johnson left Newbury for Lake Champlain and distinguished itself in the siege of Mount Independence, later being sent to guard the prisoners taken there, across the state to Charlestown, N. H. Their muster roll is also lost, but it is not unlikely that one or two Ryegate men were in it.

On the 6th of October, a company of forty-one men under command of Capt. Frye Bayley, left Newbury for the seat of war. In this company Bartholemew Somers of Ryegate was a corporal, David Reid, John and James Orr, also of Ryegate were privates, as were John McLaren and Duncan McLain of Barnet. Andrew Brock had been drafted, but for some reason could not go, and David Reid volunteered to go in his place. This company arrived at Saratoga too late to participate in battle, but was able to render very effective service by means of an exploit which has not received the notice which it deserved. The particulars of this affair are as narrated by Capt. (afterwards Colonel) Frye Bayley in his old age.

The company which was five days on the march, had nearly reached Hudson river late in the afternoon of the last day and were making preparations to camp for the night, when a messenger on horse back came to inform Bayley that a number of boats loaded with provisions for the enemy were coming down the river, and that there was no force at hand to stop them, urging him to come with his company and attempt their capture. They were supplies of food which had been collected at very high prices and were intended to relieve the desperate situation in which Burgoyne had found himself.

Captain Bayley and his small force had barely reached the bank of the Hudson when they saw the boats approaching at some distance,

fifteen in number, each heavily loaded, and with no more men than were needed to navigate them. They went down on the further side of the river, out of musket range, and all passed out of sight, Bayley having neither bridge or boats to reach the opposite shore. While the men were debating what to do, a scout who had been sent down the river, returned with the intelligence that the boats had been moored to the further bank, under overhanging trees, about a mile below. It was now dark and Bayley called his men together, and in low tones laid before them the importance of securing the boats and their contents, and acquainted them with his plan for their capture. He called for two men to volunteer to swim the river, reconnoiter the situation, and if possible, secure one of the boats. Bartholemew Somers of Ryegate and a man from New Hampshire volunteered for the dangerous service, and the whole company proceeded down the river bank till they came opposite the place where the boats were concealed. The captain directed the two men to tie their clothes to the back of their necks, and make their way as well as they could in the darkness to the other shore. The water was very cold, but the men reached the spot in safety and found that all the boats were tied to trees along the bank and that the men in charge of them, suspecting no danger, had gone to a sheltered place at a little distance, where they had kindled a fire, and were cooking their suppers, leaving only a few men to look after the boats. Somers and his companion cut one of the boats loose, and noiselessly re-crossed the river to the place where Bayley and his men waited under the trees. The boat was unloaded, and as many men as could get into it were rowed stealthily across the river. Bayley having given directions in whispers part of the men formed a guard, and the rest secured the boats, the men who were left in charge having fled, and was successful in bringing them safely to the other shore. The men who had been in charge of them were taken by surprise, and ignorant in the darkness, of the number and position of their assailants, made no attempt at resistance.

The success of this daring adventure was a heavy misfortune to General Burgoyne, and hastened his inevitable capitulation. The circumstance of the capture of the boats is mentioned by several historians as one of many brave deeds of that campaign.

Mr. Mason says that some years after the war an attempt was made to find and reward the men who had thus hazarded their lives, but they were not to be found. Somers had removed to Barnet, and either did not learn of the search which was being made for him, or did not value his service as he might have done. The name of his companion is not preserved.

The delay occasioned by this adventure prevented the company from reaching the army in time to be of service, as preparations for the capitu-



BLUE MOUNTAIN AND RESIDENCE OF GEORGE COCHRAN.



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lation were being made. After the surrender most of the men, believing that their services were no longer needed, without waiting for a formal discharge, started for home, all the Ryegate and Barnet men were among them. This company was attached to Col. Peter Olcott's regiment, was in service one month and four days, traveling 270 miles.

The adventure herein related, while of great service, was not so hazardous as that of Ephraim Webster of Newbury, and Richard Wallace of Thetford, who swam across Lake Champlain about a month earlier, with dispatches for General Lincoln.

Ryegate thus adds the narrative of the brave deed of one of its residents to the innumerable number of anecdotes relating to the march and surrender of General John Burgoyne in the great battle year, 1777.

The exigencies of the time required the building of a blockhouse in Ryegate for the protection of its inhabitants, which stood, according to the best information we have, on the farm now called "Fairview," between W. T. McLam's and the corner of the road west of it. It does not appear to have been used often for defense, but was occupied by a family, and the settlers could resort to it in case of alarm. It is not certain whether it was built by the inhabitants for their own protection, or by the troops, or as one of a chain of block houses along the Hazen Road. It remained several years after the war, and families lived in it.

The blockhouse of those days was a rude structure of logs, squared and pinned at the corners, and, perhaps, pinned along their length, in one or two places. It had one strong door, and a small window. One log all around, about breast or shoulder high from the floor, would be cut in pieces and pinned to those above and under it. These cuts were the port-holes, and on the outside mere narrow upright slits across one log, just wide enough to admit the muzzle of a rifle, but inside the log would be cut away so as to leave the rifleman space to swing his rifle or musket a foot or two to the right or left. There were several such loop-holes on each side of the building, and its upper story projected over the lower one a foot or two to enable the inmates to fire down upon any persons who should try to set the house on fire.

NOTE. Captain (afterwards Colonel), Frye Bayley was a nephew of Gen. Jacob Bayley, and a grantee of Newbury, where he settled in 1763. This farm was the north end of Cow Meadow, and his house, in which Mr. Learned lives, is one of the oldest in that town. He was with the army in Canada, and a valuable fragment of his journal during the retreat, is owned by the Tenney Memorial Library. In December, 1777, he was sent to Canada to negotiate for the release of prisoners, where he was thrown into prison, and remained a year. He was also in other important services. He was very prominent in Newbury, but being appointed sheriff of the county, he removed to Chelsea, where he died in 1827, and is buried at Newbury. His family is extinct in this vicinity. Two of his sons were educated at Dartmouth college, and settled in Maryland, where one became an Episcopal clergyman, and has descendants.

A blockhouse at Newbury, which stood on the ridge north of the cemetery at the Oxbow, and large enough to shelter one or two companies of troops, was a much more formidable structure and was surrounded by a ditch, which may be still traced. Several frame houses still standing in this region were surrounded by a stockade, which was made by standing posts ten or twelve feet high close together around the house at some distance, thus enclosing the house and yard. Entrance was had by a strong gate, firmly secured. The house at North Haverhill, where W. F. Eastman lives, the older part of the one at Haverhill Corner called the "old Johnston house," in which the late Mr. Tarleton long lived, and that of Col. Robert Johnston, now a barn at the south end of Newbury village were protected in this way.

But most of the settlers went through the war with no other protection than their own stout hearts and trusty muskets. They came of a race bred to war and its alarms, and were not going to leave what had cost them so much toil and privation. In those days every man kept a loaded gun within reach at night and carried it to the field with him, and in times of special danger, no man ventured far from home alone, while the women and children were equally brave. Except by some slight depredations by Indians and tories, no harm came to Ryegate people during the whole war.

In 1780 and 1781, requisitions were made upon all the towns for supplies of flour and beef for the army, and in 1782 the town voted "that the flour paid toward last years provision be proportioned to the list."

At a special town meeting held at the home of William Johnson, Nov. 7, 1783, it was voted "That Josiah Page, William Neilson, Andrew Brock and James Whitelaw be a committee to draw up a petition to send to the General Assembly to see if they will forgive them their arrearages of provision and soldiers hire." Their petition set forth their situation and poverty, and the fact that they were remote from the scene of actual war, and new to the country. Their petition was granted.

An incident related to the editor of this volume by Miss Sally Bayley of Newbury many years ago is worthy of mention. Near the end of the war, some men were hunting among the hills in the north part of the latter town, returned in haste, and reported that heavy smokes were rising from Ryegate, and they had heard the firing of guns and loud shouting. All the men who could be got together on the moment started for the relief of their Scotch neighbors, supposing that the place had been attacked by the Indians, as Royalton had lately been. They were at once relieved and amused to find that the alarm was caused by men who were clearing land, piling and burning the trees, and urging on their oxen.

CHAPTER XI.

THE EARLY DAYS.

CONTEMPORARY EVENTS.—FIRST TOWN MEETINGS.—FIRST MARRIAGES.—FIRST ROADS.—EARLY TAX LISTS.—SHEEP RAISING.—LOG HOUSES.—CORRESPONDENCE.—SCARCITY OF MONEY.—STANDARD OF VALUE.—VARIATION IN VALUE OF BANK NOTES.—THE TOWN POUND.—ANECDOTES.

A GREAT deal of history has been made since 1773, the year when the Scotch American Company entered upon their possession of Ryegate, and we have only to glance at contemporary events to realize how far the world has moved since that day. It seems an ancient date, that far-away year, yet, as this chapter goes to press there are several living who can remember Gen. James Whitelaw, William Neilson, and others of the first settlers of the town very well. Mr. Neilson was born in 1742, and in the years which have passed since that date, much of what we call modern history has been made. Yet the space of two lives comprehends it all.

In 1773, George the Third was King of Great Britain; a dull, stubborn man, who would never have been heard of outside his native parish, had he been born a peasant. At that time, upon an estate over which James Whitelaw and David Allan must have crossed on their journey along the south bank of the Potomac, lived a retired colonel of Virginia militia, destined a few years later, to give King George a great deal of trouble. The Boston Tea Party took place during the month in which the commissioners received their bond of sale from John Church, and the battle of Lexington was only fourteen months in the future.

At that date, in the American colonies, there was a public conveyance only between a few of the largest towns, and, twenty years later, there were but seventy-five post offices in the United States. In 1773, there was not a bank in North America, and a ship which crossed the ocean in six weeks was said to have had a quick passage. In that year Benjamin Franklin was pleading the cause of the American colonies before the House of Commons; Louis XV was nearing the close of his wicked reign; and in the island of Corsica a boy named Napoleon Bonaparte was learning to read. In Scotland, Adam Smith was preparing "An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations," and at London Edward Gibbon was writing the "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire." Somehow we seem to think of Robert Burns as for centuries

the poet of Scotland, yet Ryegate had been settled thirteen years when he published his first volume of poems. At Edinburgh, in 1773, lived a little lame boy named Walter Scott, who was one day to eclipse all Scottish fame except that of Burns himself. The steam engine was hardly more than an experiment, and only a few years before Franklin had demonstrated that lightning and electricity are the same. It is well to consider what has been accomplished in the world since people from Scotland began to clear land, and build log cabins in Ryegate.

Had Mr. Miller been spared to complete his work, the memorials of the earlier days would have been enriched by the reminiscences of the people who were old when he was young. But he committed only a few of them to writing, and we are compelled to use the scanty details of the early days, which have come down to us, as best we can. The town and company records supply us with an outline which we may complete in a measure. The first town meeting is thus mentioned by Mr. Whitelaw:

On the third Tuesday in May [1776] being appointed for the yearly town meeting for choosing the necessary officers for the town, John Gray and James Whitelaw were chosen assessors; Andrew Brock, treasurer; Robert Tweedale and John Orr, overseers of the highway; John Scot, collector, and Archibald Taylor, James Smith, William Neilson and David Reid, constables.

The fathers of the infant colony seem to have discharged their duties satisfactorily, as, when a year later, the "inhabitants of the town of Ryegate in the County of Gloucester and Province of New York," met in annual meeting, "the same persons who were chosen last year, both for civil and military officers, were unanimously re-chosen for another year." Such approval of public service has not often been given.

A few weeks later we catch a glimpse (one of the last), of the "city" which the Company in Scotland had planned as the center and crowning feature of this new colony in North America.

Thursday, June 12, [1777], all the inhabitants met in order to choose their house lots in the town spot, when Walter Brock made choice of lot No. 357; James Orr of No. 356; Robert Orr of No. 355 for himself and Nos. 353 and 354 for William Blackwood; John Gray of No. 319 for himself, and No. 320 for John Barr; John Wilson of Nos. 2, 3, 4, 321, 322, 323; John Scot of Nos. 276, 277, 278; Andrew Brock of Nos. 349-352; Robert Brock of Nos. 75-78; Alexander Sym of Nos. 347, 348; John Shaw of Nos. 196, 197, for himself, and Nos. 198-201 for William Warden; and Nos. 202-205 for James Laird; James Neilson of No. 273, 274; William Neilson of Nos. 265, 272; Patrick Lang of Nos. 260-263; and for William Craig, 264, 291-293; David Reid of Nos. 289, 290; James Smith of Nos. 286-288 for himself and 285 for John Gray; Robert Tweedale of Nos. 281-284; Hugh Gammel of Nos. 279, 280 for his father; Archibald Taylor of No. 206; James Whitclaw of Nos. 207-210; James Henderson of Nos. 211-213, and John Waddel of 214.—[Whitelaw's Journal.

Wars and rumors of wars, hard work, and the rigors of winter in a new country, did not prevent the festivities of a wedding, as Mr. White-law says:

“On the 9th of January, 1777, James Henderson was married to Agnes Sym, and on the 17th of the same month Robert Brock was married to Elizabeth Stewart, which were the first two marriages which ever was in Ryegate.”

Mr. Mason says that at the former wedding, all the colonists attended the young couple to their new home, “with great joyfulness.” The name of the officiating clergyman or magistrate is not preserved, but as the oldest child of the Hendersons was baptized by Rev. Peter Powers, he probably performed the ceremony, and, perhaps, the other also.

Agnes Sym, [Symes] must have been a very capable young woman, if we may judge from certain entries in the Company's book, wherein she is credited with the sum of £13, 17, 3, for reaping, washing, ironing, mending, making, and the exercise of other accomplishments proper to a fashionable young lady of her times. In the same book she is charged with “sundrie goods brought from Newburyport,” £5, 1, 6; to “ribbons, pins, and gauze” 12%. “Towards a wheel (not a bicycle)” 10s, “tea dishes” 6s; plates, mugs, candlesticks, snuffers, and other accessories for housekeeping.

In 1783 the town voted:

That John Dodge and associates should be prosecuted for cutting timber on the public lands, and that Andrew Brock and William Neilson should grant a Power of Attorney to Moses Dow, Esq., of Haverhill, for that purpose.

Then first the town got into law, but not for the last time. In 1787, the legislature, sitting at Newbury, passed a law requiring the record by the town clerk of all transfers of real estate, and the town voted to purchase a book containing eight quires of paper, for that purpose. In that year 29 persons paid poll tax.

In 1794 the town voted:

That there shall be a sign post and a pair of stocks erected in this town, at the town's expense, as soon as possible, to be set in the most convenient place near the crossing of the road at Andrew Brock's house, and appointed Andrew Brock and Alexander Miller a committee to set them up.

Previous to 1784, the only public road in Ryegate was the one from Wells River village to Barnet line—the Hazen road; and all the earlier roads branched from it. The first to be laid out by the town, and thus made a public highway, was the one running east from the Corner, “from Andrew Brock's to Mr. Sym's,” and the town “voted 5 Pounds for the benefit of the roads, to be levied on the polls and ratable estate.” In 1787, a committee was appointed to lay out and survey a road from

Elihu Johnson's to the division line, north of William Neilson's land." In 1794, a road was surveyed from Robert Brock's mills to Groton line. Mr. Miller believes this to have been laid entirely on the north side of the river, some sections of which are now disused.

In 1797, the "Old West Road," from the Corner to Groton line, was laid out and accepted. Much of this, also, has been altered. The date of the acceptance of a road by the town gives no clue to the time when it began to be travelled, but fixes the date when the town began to be responsible for its maintenance.

As we have already stated, the Hazen road, a work of great value to the settler, was passable for carts. But the earliest roads were very much like our winter logging roads, and only passable with teams in winter. People rode on horseback, two on a horse, a man and wife, the latter riding behind. Rev. Clark Perry states that the first wheeled carriage was brought into Newbury, about 1783, by a minister who came to preach. The first chaise was not owned in that town till after 1790.

Rev. David Sutherland says that there were no carriages of any kind in Bath till several years after his settlement there in 1804. Miss Mehetable Barron of Bradford, who afterward became Mrs. Robert Whitelaw, told Rev. Dr. McKen that she was the first woman who ever rode from Newbury street to Ryegate in a chaise. She was in company with Mr., afterwards Judge Noble, of Tinmouth, and their carriage attracted as much attention as would an elephant passing along. This must have been before her marriage to Mr. Whitelaw, in 1804. The first four-wheeled wagon was brought to Bath in 1811.

When we talk about the conditions of those early days, we are obliged to remember that most of our labor-saving conveniences were wholly unknown. The tools with which the people worked their land were clumsy and heavy. Even so common a thing as the traverse sled did not come into use till after 1825. Scores of useful articles of metal, which can be bought for a few pennies, were then costly, or not to be had at any price. Our modern means of instant communication were wholly unknown.

It must be remembered, however, that in those days there were large families, and many hands to do the work. Every child, however small, had its task. When a man had a heavy job to do in a short time, his neighbors turned out to help him, and in sickness or trouble, no man asked help in vain. There was a mutual spirit of helpfulness, which sprang from the common needs of all, a kindly interest and solicitude, which in our more artificial state of society, only partly exists.

The "list of polls and ratable estate," is first given in 1784, and the amount is £604. 05, which two years later, had increased to £708. In

1787, we have the first list where the name of each tax payer, and the items of taxable property were given. There were 26 individual lists. William Neilson was the largest taxpayer, with an appraisement of £91, and next him came Andrew Brock with £57, and Josiah Page with £50. Two years later the items are expanded to give the number of acres of cleared and uncleared land held by each, the number of horses, cows, oxen, and other cattle; the amount of wool raised, and the number of yards of tow or linen cloth manufactured on the premises. William Neilson had 46 acres of cleared land, and next him came James Whitelaw with 30 acres, while of wild land the former owned 654 and Andrew Brock 512 acres. Twenty horses were owned, and 24 pairs of oxen. The number of sheep is not given, but 707 lbs. of wool were returned, and 2325 yards of tow or linen cloth. The domestic manufacture of this latter staple, and consequently the raising of flax was a prominent industry in Ryegate from an early day, although the lists do not give the amount produced in any other year. This industry has been discontinued so long that few are living who remember how it was conducted, and the "flax-brake," the "hetchel," the "swingle," the "bucking-tub," the "clock-reel," and the "little wheel," were preserved, are objects of curious interest, of whose manner of operation the present generation has only a vague idea. But, a century ago, they were in constant use on every farm, and the Scotch colonists of Ryegate brought over with them a few ideas in the linen industry, which caused the linen cloth made by them to be considered a superior article, always in demand at a good price.

The raising of sheep was exposed to the rapacity of wolves and bears. These wild animals prowled around the clearings and cattle and sheep had to be kept in at night. Rev. J. M. Beattie, in an historical sketch of the town for Miss Hemenway's *Gazetteer*, states that in the summer of 1778, Mrs. John Gray saw a bear carrying off a sheep. She followed the trail, and came suddenly upon the bear, when she screamed with terror, at which sound the bear, terrified in his turn, dropped his prey, and betook himself to flight, and Mrs. Gray, taking the sheep on her shoulders, returned home in triumph. A curious fact preserved in the Johnson papers at Newbury, is that in the spring of 1778, Col. Johnson let John Gray of Ryegate have four likely sheep, and was to share their wool and increase.

It will be borne in mind that most of the colonists were young men with only their own hands to depend upon; that money was very scarce, and they were obliged to resort to almost any means to start a flock. In an old account book of Col. Frye Bayley's, preserved in the library at Newbury, is the following, which we insert to show how people began their flocks.

Newbury, Aug. 11, 1789,

This day agreed with John Petty of Ryegate to let him six Ewe sheep to be returned in three years from this date, and to receive from him one pound of well washed wool per year for each sheep, and one third part of their increase, also three wether sheep for which the said Petty is to give one pound and one quarter of wool each per year.

The food of the first settlers was plentiful, although till they had cleared land and raised grain they had to depend upon supplies from Newbury, where corn and wheat were plenty. The meat of domestic cattle was seldom tasted in Ryegate in the first years, as all the cattle were young, and were kept for their work or their increase. But game was plentiful in the woods, and fish abounded in the brooks and ponds.

Mary, daughter of Col. Timothy Bedel of Haverhill, who first settled in Bath, and lived there till about 1774, stated in some reminiscences written in her old age, that when they lived in Bath, about two miles below the present site of Lisbon village, they could, at any time, catch all the salmon they wanted out of the Ammonoosuc.

The first dwellings were built of logs, and there were log houses still occupied as late as 1865. A log house could be put together with scarcely any use of metal, and where iron was so hard to be had, and money so scarce, it was necessary to get along with as few nails as possible. The floors were made of split pieces, or logs hewed on one side, and worn smooth by constant use. The door hinges were of wood, and the latches also. A string, or strip of leather, attached to the latch, passed through a hole above it, by pulling which the latch was lifted from the outside. The door was made fast by the simple process of pulling in the string. Hence arose the saying, as an emblem of hospitality—"his latch-string was always out!"

A log house is frequently alluded to in these days as a comfortless sort of habitation, but there were old people fifty years ago who were wont to say, in their prosperous after life, that they were never so happy as when they "lived in the old log house."

Everything made of metal was costly, as iron had to be brought from a distance, and all articles made from it were wrought by hand. The Company's book shows that in 1774, 1 M. of 20^d nails cost £2.1.7¼, and 1 M. of 10^d nails £1.8. Nails were then made by hand, and for many years afterwards.

The solicitude felt by the people at the old home in Scotland for the Ryegate colonists is best illustrated by the following extract from a letter by William Houston to Mr. Whitelaw dated at Renfrew, May 4, 1783.*

* Whitelaw papers.

In the first place you and us have been for a long time in a state of Annihilation to one another, through the means of a long and unprofitable war. But thank God for it, it is over now, and Peace, that Blessing to mankind, is again restored. However, by our long war the country has suffered much, for through its means we have got an amazing increase of debt, and consequently of taxes, all which is attended with a decrease of trade, for except the silk trade in Paisley, almost every business is at much of a stand-still.

We earnestly wish you may find opportunity of letting us know how matters are going with you—if the lands of Ryegate are answering your expectations in any tolerable degree,—if the people are healthy, and what deaths have happened among our acquaintances—if you were molested or suffered much by the war. And chiefly if a report be true that we have amongst us, viz.: that Vermont, in which it is said Ryegate is included, is declared by Congress to be a free and independent state, and it is also told that you are an Assemblyman of that Sovereignty?

We will be glad to know if your new code of laws be yet settled, and if it be on equitable and liberal principles, such as tend to the security and satisfaction of the people. If people from this country will be acceptable among the American states. If lands about you are rising in value as we think presumable now that America has become independent they will rise. If you sow any Barley yet, and if there be any malting or distilling done, or prospect that a demand for it may take place.

We hope that in a short time you will have more settlers in Ryegate for this end to the war has been long wished for by the common people here, who have been long confined, and greatly against the oppressive Measures which have been carried on, against their interest in almost every respect, and they have added to all our other calamities that of dear Markets, the last season being very backward, and provisions of all sorts exceedingly high. Lands are not much fallen in rents here yet, but if some stop be not put to emigration, farms may not again be so scarce, so many begin to think of selling off, and half the people here would go to America had they the money to go with.

Now, sir, your sending an answer to these above questions, and any other things that you may inform us of will much rejoice me and you may believe it true that it was only the want of opportunity that held us back from writing, for we understand that few of our letters have reached you, and they all had to be sent by way of Holland.

Are masons in demand among you? brick-makers? carpenters? tanners? We have such who can go, with a little help. Give our compliments to all our friends. Tell James Neilson that his mother is dead 24 months ago, that his father is yet alive, and his brother Archibald is married, and has got a new tack of his farm. My oldest son hath bred himself to the stocking trade. Do you think that a stocking frame would be a business of any consequence with you? Please deliver the enclosed to Colonel Jacob Bayley.

WILLIAM HOUSTON.

Mr. Whitelaw writing home to Scotland under date of Oct. 16, in the same year gives a fair account of the condition of the colony in the tenth year of its settlement:

As I understand there are numbers of the Company and others of the mind to come here if the advices from us are favorable, I will give you a short account of the country from the experience I have had of it, and first as to the face of the country. It is in some places pretty level, in others hilly and uneven, but even in the most uneven places the soil is generally fertile, and fit for producing all the kinds of grain you have in Scotland. The prices of grain are about the same as when Mr. Allan was here, viz.: wheat about one dollar a bush., corn $\frac{1}{2}$, and oats $\frac{1}{3}$. Flax we can raise in great plenty, and it sells at 6d sterling a pound, butter and pork at the same price; cheese 4d the pound, beef about 2d, and we always have a good market for all the above we can raise in a year without carrying it over the barn door, and though we seldom have our pay in money, we can have something of the same value which answers the same end. I think it is much better living here than in Scotland; the people here are all in pretty good circumstances; there has none less than 15 acres cleared and some have 50; the lowest can raise enough to make a comfortable living, and the rest in proportion. The country is very healthful, and agreeable to British constitutions, there having been scarcely any sickness in the town since it was settled; only 3 of the people who came here from Scotland and only 4 children have died and all are at present in good health. The Constitution and laws of the State of Vermont are generally allowed to be the best on the Continent; taxes are very light, while in the other states they are very high.

The years which succeeded the revolutionary war, while they witnessed great improvement in Ryegate, were yet times of trial, in forms of which we know nothing in these days. The continental currency, which began to be issued early in the war depreciated rapidly in value. The Spanish milled dollar was the chief coin in circulation and the deeds for many parcels of land in Ryegate and Barnet specify the price in that coinage. The continental money had depreciated in value to such an extent, that the General Assembly sitting at Newbury in 1787, found it necessary to fix by law the value of paper money expressed in contracts made at different times after September, 1777, when the paper dollar began to fall below the milled silver dollar. On the 1st of January, 1780, the silver dollar was held to be equal to twenty paper dollars, and eight months later, the Spanish milled dollar was declared equal to 72 paper dollars. The currency, much of which was counterfeit, became so worthless that no one would take it, and disappeared from circulation.

Thus while Ryegate was rapidly gaining in those conditions which were afterward to make the town prosperous, the years which followed the war were rather hard. There was very little money in circulation. There were no banks in the country till several years after the war; so there were no bank notes, and the United States did not begin the coinage of gold and silver till 1792, consequently all the money in circulation was of foreign countries, and in a sum of money of no very large amount there would be coins of five or six nationalities. There

were many counterfeits, and the Cöös County had notoriety as a residence of a counterfeiting gang. One Glazier Wheeler, of Newbury and Haverhill, a man of wonderful ingenuity, who had been engaged in various unlawful transactions, became the tool of men who obliged him to make Spanish dollars and "Half Joes," which contained only one-fourth as much gold or silver as the genuine. With him was associated the notorious Stephen Burroughs. Wheeler was caught in the act of making dies, and imprisoned on Castle Island in Boston Harbor, while the men who profited by him, escaped all punishment.

The scarcity of money in the country, and various conditions which caused people to think that the wealth of the country was being concentrated into the hands of a few, led to great troubles and there were those who hoped to thrive upon the distress of the country. Among the Johnson papers at Newbury is one which recalls a peculiar episode in Ryegate history.

Mr. Whitelaw wrote Col. Johnson asking confidentially, concerning one Henry Tufts, who had been ingratiating himself in the place, and of whom Mr. Whitelaw evidently had his doubts. This was the same man who, many years later, published an autobiography entitled, "The Life, Public Service, and Sufferings of Henry Tufts." Col. T. W. Higginson has given him some fame as the type of "A New England Vagabond," and who appears to have been as many kinds of a rascal as one man could well be. He came to this part of the country several times, claiming to be, or to have been, a clergyman, and preached more than once, and at another time he stole a horse. He could do both equally well. His real object was to profit by stirring up strife, but without success here, as he found none to follow him, and had to sit in the Newbury stocks for a day, as punishment for violent speech.

In the absence of a stable currency, the standard of value for many years, before and after 1800, was a bushel of wheat, the staple product of the farms, for which there was a steady demand and a more nearly average value, one year into another, than anything else. Taxes were paid in wheat, the minister's salary and the school master's wages were computed in it, and notes are extant to be paid in wheat, which sometimes amounted to hundreds of bushels. It is impossible to state, or even to estimate, the amount of wheat raised in Ryegate, but it amounted to many thousands of bushels. On some of the large farms hundreds of bushels were raised annually. When we consider that all the work was done by hand, the seed covered as best it could be among the stumps and logs of newly cleared land, the grain reaped with a sickle, threshed and cleaned by hand, we can comprehend what the work was. Women were, generally, better reapers than men, and sometimes labored in harvest from early dawn till the stars appeared at night.

Salem was the great market for export wheat, which was, usually, taken to market in winter. Some farmers made the trip several times in the season, and a number of teams would go at the same time. The route was along the old turnpike from Haverhill Corner to the Merrimack valley. When Robert Brock, an experienced miller, bought the mills at Boltonville, he introduced improved machinery, which produced a superior brand of flour, much of which was exported. In 1792, he ground, and sent to Glasgow, a large quantity of very fine flour. Oatmeal was unknown in this part of New England, until its manufacture was introduced by the settlers of Ryegate and Barnet. In the "famine years" of 1815-17, people blessed the Scotch "for they invented oatmeal!"

There were no banks in Vermont, prior to 1817, as the majority of the people were opposed to their establishment, and the issue of paper money. In New Hampshire another policy prevailed, and the Coös bank, the earliest in this part of New England, was organized in 1803 at Haverhill, then the most important place in the north country.

Since the establishment of the national banking system the country has had the advantage of a stable currency. The holder of a five dollar bill knows that bill to be worth just five dollars, neither more nor less, anywhere in the country, and does not trouble himself to notice the name of the issuing bank. But our fathers had not this security, and on taking money, were careful to ascertain the value of each bank note. Bills of certain banks whose resources were beyond question, were at a premium. Others were at a slight discount, and many were of uncertain value. There were also many counterfeits, something almost never seen at the present time.

Every merchant subscribed for a "Bank Note Detector," a publication issued at stated intervals, in which each issue of every bank in the country was described, and its counterfeits were minutely indicated. The uncertainty about the value of bank money made it necessary, when one man sent money to another to send a minute of the bills, retaining a copy. In the Whitelaw papers in Ryegate, and the Johnson papers at Newbury, the largest collections of early business transactions in this vicinity are many papers like the following:

List of Bills paid by Jona. Gates to John Holden for James Manderson.

Vermont-Burlington	No. 1853, July 4, 1808, One Dollar
ditto ditto	No. 1574, July 4, 1808, One Dollar
Hillsboro	No. 766, May 2, 1807, Ten Dollars
Berkshire	No. 584, Sept. 7, 1806, Ten Dollars
Northampton	(defaced) June 4, 1806, Five Dollars
Berkshire	No. 2661, Sept. 9, 1806, Five Dollars
Springfield	No. 1665, June 4, 1806, Five Dollars
Coos,	No. 756, Oct. 4, 1805, Five Dollars
Massachusetts	No. 10350, July 3, 1804, Ten Dollars
Hallowell and Augusta	No. 2902, Sept. 2, 1805, Five Dollars

I hereby promise that if any of the above mentioned bills prove to be bad and are returned, to take them back, and pay other current bills in lieu of them.

JONATHAN GATES.

An institution of some importance in the early days, when fences were weak and cattle ran at large, was the place of detention for unruly and wandering beasts known as the town pound, and the keeper thereof, who was sometimes also "hog constable," was an officer of considerable responsibility. In 1796 it was voted to let the town remain in one pound district, and to erect a pound on the school lot near the road that goes to Hugh Gardners', John Gray, James Whitelaw and Josiah Page to superintend its erection, and have it completed by May 1, 1797. By 1817, this structure seems to have fallen into decay, as the town voted to build a pound of stone, the site to be chosen by the selectmen. These officials chose the "old ground," on which to erect the new structure, "to be built 33 feet square within, 5½ feet high, with a triangular log on top one foot thick, and 14 inches high, to taper to a sharp point, the walls to be 4 feet thick on the bottom, gradually tapering to 1½ ft., to have two wooden posts, with a strong door three feet wide, to be complete to the acceptance of the selectmen by July next." Its construction was bid off by Kimball Page for \$29.50. In 1829 the town voted "Not to move the pound." Looking at it one would think they were wise not to try. It has long passed into disuse.

"Tything men" were among the officials chosen by the town for many years—from one to six or seven, and were a sort of local police and were intrusted with many duties which now fall to other offices. One of these was to preserve order in public gatherings, especially at public worship on the Sabbath, and to arrest and detain travelers upon that day.

The memories of aged people a half century ago returned with pleasure to the early and primitive days, which seemed more real to them than the scenes of their later years. If all the tales and traditions which then lingered among the hills of Ryegate and Barnet had been gathered, they would form a volume, which in humor, pathos and appeal to the deepest emotions of the heart would be hard to surpass. Most of them passed with the forms that uttered them. A few, only, are rescued from oblivion.

A tale related very circumstantially by Mr. Mason is concerning a young daughter of John McCallum, an early settler on the Harvey tract in Barnet, whose name is on the call extended in 1789 to Rev. David Goodwillie. The child, who was a general favorite, and remarkable for her lovable disposition, was sent by her father on horseback, to the home of John McNab, in the east part of the town, a distance of several miles, her journey lying mainly through the woods. On arriving at her destination she related that in passing through the forest, at a spot which she described with great minuteness, her progress was arrested by strange and beautiful music, which seemed to come from every direction

above and around her, filling the air. She remained fixed to the spot till the music died away. In the afternoon she set out on her return but not appearing at nightfall, her father and neighbors went in search of her, and found her lying dead at the spot which she had so minutely described. No marks or bruises were found on her body, or anything to indicate the cause of her death. In the old church yard at Barnet Centre her grave is thus marked:

Elizabeth, dau. John and Ellen McCallum

Died July 28, 1812, aged 14 years.

An anecdote related about forty years ago, to the editor of this work by an aged man who had known in his younger days the early settlers of Ryegate and Barnet, was to the effect that an old man, in one town or the other, had been reaping wheat with his sons, in a field at some distance from home. They had finished their reaping before night, and the sons went home, leaving their father to bind up some sheaves. He had not returned home at night fall, and one of the sons went to look for him, and found that he had left the field, put up the bars, and was partly leaning over them, dead, with his face turned toward the field. At his funeral Mr. Goodwillie preached from the text—"And behold there came an old man from his work, out of the field at even." Inquiry among the older people in both towns fails to find any one who could recall hearing of this circumstance. But as it may have occurred a century or more ago, it has long passed from the minds of men.

CHAPTER XII.

ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY.

RETROSPECT.—PRESBYTERIANISM.—THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—THE STUARTS.—THE RESTORATION.—RISE OF THE COVENANTERS.—ORIGIN OF "TOKENS."—THE PERSECUTION.—ANECDOTE.—REV. JAMES RENWICK.—THE REVOLUTION OF 1688.—PATRONAGE.—THE ASSOCIATE SYNOD.—BURGHES, AND ANTI-BURGHES.—THE RELIEF CHURCH.—THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—REV. PETER POWERS.—ACTION OF THE TOWN.—THE OLD MEETING HOUSE.—EARLY MINISTERS.—REV. WM. FORSYTHE.—REV. WILLIAM GIBSON.

THAT which more than anything else distinguishes Ryegate from all other towns in Vermont, or indeed in all New England, has been its adherence to the Presbyterian form of faith and practice. Although there are, and have ever been divisions in minor matters, yet the religious system brought from Scotland has been completely ingrained into the very life of the people, and after all the changes of the years, it is still the strongest influence in its life, and no other denomination has ever obtained an organization here. But our inquiries into the religious history of the town reveal the interesting historical circumstance that certain divisions originating in far-off Scotland have been perpetuated here in Ryegate. This subject is well worthy of our careful study, and the religious history of the town cannot be understood without some knowledge of the conditions which caused these divisions in Scotland and in America.

Many who will read these pages are not familiar with the Presbyterian form of church government, and a little explanation is necessary. In each local congregation the government is vested in the minister and elders, the latter being set apart for their office by ordination. The minister and elders constitute the "Session," which is not only an integral, but a very important part of the polity of the church. It was intended to be a check and bar to the rise of priestly assumption in the reformed Scottish church. The session, which meets at stated times, controls the affairs of the church; hears and determines cases of discipline. One of the members who records the proceedings of each meeting, is called the session clerk. Appeal from the decision of the session is to the Presbytery, which consists of all the ministers and elders within a certain territory. A still higher court of appeal is the Synod, which is constituted of the minister and one elder from each session. The synod has many

responsibilities in the general oversight of the churches, and may review, confirm or reverse the decision of the presbyteries. The General Assembly, which is the highest court of appeal, is constituted from the synods, and its decision is final. In the Presbyterian church all the ministers are of equal rank; the moderator of the General Assembly, the great tribunal of the church, is merely a presiding officer, and has authority only during its session. It will then be seen that eminence in the church is attained only by virtue of talent and piety.

The Church of Scotland had its origin with the reformation, about 1527, and fifty years later, the Presbyterian polity was introduced into the country by Andrew Melville, who had studied the workings of the system at Geneva. Its introduction, and the teachings of John Knox, were opposed by the King and the priesthood, but many of the nobility embraced the cause of the people. But the Stuart kings hated the Presbyterian church because it was in its very nature independent of the crown and they aimed to make the Episcopal church the church of Scotland, and compel obedience to their demands. They desired to establish in Scotland the same form of church government as had been established in England, in which the king is the head of the church, and under him in their order are the descending grades of the clergy, from arch-bishops down through a host of minor officials to the laity. Thus to the king, whatever his character or fitness may be, all the clergy and laity are bound in obedience.

But the system introduced into Scotland by John Knox and his followers held the very opposite view. They proclaimed an equality of the clergy; that Christ, and not the king or the Pope of Rome was the supreme head of the church, and that the Holy Scriptures, and not the decrees of bishops and councils, are the only rule of faith and practice.

Notwithstanding the opposition of the king and his adherents, the Presbyterians increased in numbers and influence, attaining such strength that it was not safe to attack them openly. James VI of Scotland who afterwards became king of England, was intent upon the restoration of Episcopacy in the former country, and was able to enforce the passage of laws which made the Episcopal church, the only church recognized by law in Scotland. His son, Charles I, went still further, and attempted to force the liturgy of the Church of England upon the Presbyterians of Scotland, and established a set of canons which abolished the control which kirk sessions and presbyteries had held in ecclesiastical affairs.

These measures were resisted by the multitude, and those who were opposed to them entered into a combination known as the "Solemn League and Covenant," which was generally signed throughout Scotland, and which bound its supporters to resist all measures tending toward the establishment of prelacy. They lent their aid to the meas-

ures which resulted in the overthrow of the Stuarts, and the establishment of the Commonwealth.

After the restoration in 1660, Charles II endeavored to force the Episcopal form of church government upon Scotland. An Order in Council, Oct. 1, 1662, commanded that all ministers who had not received presentations from lay patrons and ordination at the hands of bishops, should be removed from parishes, and their adherents were forbidden to attend upon their ministry, expecting thereby to compel the obedience of all the Presbyterian clergy in Scotland. But the consequence was that about three hundred and fifty ministers, about one-third of all in Scotland, resigned their churches, choosing poverty rather than renunciation of their faith.

The Parliament commanded the Solemn League and Covenant to be burned at the Cross of Edinburgh, and it was prohibited, under pain of death, to attend upon the ministry of those clergymen who adhered to the Covenant, and the most brutal measures were taken to compel obedience. The exiled ministers were compelled to hold their services among the mountains and on barren moors in places well known to their followers, who went armed to the places of meeting, where they could not easily be followed or surprised by the soldiers who were sent to disperse the congregations.

In those unhappy times there arose a custom which is still followed in a few churches in this vicinity. The sacrament was observed in the open air, and as many of the communicants came from a distance, some of them would not be known to many of the congregation, and it was necessary to devise some expedient to distinguish those who were entitled to receive the sacrament, as the country abounded with spies and informers. On the day before the service the minister with the elders stood in front of the congregation, the applicants passed before them in single file, and to each, when identified by one of the elders, was presented a small metal disk, called a "token," which entitled the holder to receive the sacrament, and thus the intrusion of unauthorized persons was prevented. This is the origin of the use of "tokens," and it might seem that a custom with such deep historic interest should not have been discontinued.

The Covenanters, or as they were often called from one of their leaders, the Cameronians, were not rebels against the laws, and only asked leave to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences, but they were treated as if their views were intended to destroy religion and society, to be exterminated by fire and sword. Between 1661 and 1688, it has been computed that out of a population of Scotland not exceeding a million, sixteen thousand persons "suffered for the faith." Men, women and children were put to death without any form of trial, and in cruel and treacherous ways.

Among the many tales which have come down from those terrible days is one related by a minister of Covenanting ancestry in this vicinity which we have never seen in print :

During the times of the persecution in Scotland, little bands of people used to assemble for worship among the hills, and one day word was brought to a small company of these faithful people that the soldiers were coming. They all fled among the bushes, creeping around the hills, when the leader heard the pursuers very near. He raised his eyes and prayed in these words, "Oh Father, hide Thou us in thy plaidie." Just then a heavy mist arose, and in the darkness they escaped.

The last person of eminence to suffer was Rev. James Renwick, who was executed on the 17th of February, 1688. He was a clergyman of great eloquence, and of exemplary life. His name is held in reverence among the Covenanters as a martyr to the faith, and the editor of this volume has discovered among the Covenanting families of Ryegate and Barnet, the names of forty-seven persons who were named for him, and many for Daniel or Donald Cargill, as well as other worthies of the times of the persecution.

The Covenanting churches of Ryegate and Barnet are the lineal descendants of the Covenanters of Scotland two hundred and fifty years ago, and there have been among them many who would have died for their faith as bravely as did their ancestors in the times of the persecution.

At the revolution in 1688, freedom of conscience was granted to all, and the Presbyterian church was declared to be the national church of Scotland, and the Episcopal church that of England. But there was a small body among the Covenanters who felt that the revolution had not gone far enough in not recognizing the Solemn League and Covenant, and declined to take oaths in support of the government.

The habit of independent thinking which Calvinism inspires has made Scotland what it is and has transformed one of the most turbulent countries in Europe into a nation whose influence in the world has been out of all proportion to its size or population.

But this independence of thought led to a division in the national church. At the reformation the nobility seized upon a large part of the lands and revenues which had belonged to the church, and assumed the burden of supporting the clergy of the reformed faith. The owners of the land in a parish claimed the right to nominate the clergyman maintained at their expense. This was called "patronage," and as the patrons were often men of widely different views from the members of the churches, they nominated, in many cases, very unfit men, and men of dissolute life were placed in the pulpit, the courts deciding that the presbyteries could not refuse to ordain men thus presented. In some cases the appointments were so obnoxious that the military had to be called

upon to enforce the ordination and the minister was left to preach to empty pews. This system was denounced by many excellent men, and in consequence of some very unworthy persons being thus obtruded into the ministry, Dr. Ebenezer Erskine of Stirling, in a discourse before the Synod of Fife in 1737, denounced the system with great earnestness and power. For this he was ordered to be rebuked for slandering the church, and this sentence being confirmed, on his appeal, by the General Assembly, he with three others in 1733, left the established church, and formed a separate communion called the Associate Presbytery. This communion which became very prosperous, and drew thousands from the established church, was generally known as the Seceder Church. The United Presbyterian church at Ryegate Corner was formed by ministers of the Associate Presbytery, and bore the name till 1858. Mr. Miller often speaks of that church as the "Seceder" church, thus recalling here in Ryegate a controversy whose entire history was in Scotland. As the cause of the disruption had no existence in America, members of the established church who settled here, usually connected themselves with this church.

In 1747, a schism arose in this body as to the lawfulness of accepting a clause in an oath which the law required should be taken by the burgesses, or magistrates, of the larger towns. One party held that taking this oath was unlawful, as it implied the approval of a civil establishment with all its evils. Those who thought thus left the Associate church and formed another body called the General Associate Synod. These latter were called the Anti-Burghers, and the former the Burghers. Some of the early settlers of Ryegate and Barnet presented certificates from the General Associate churches. Both these bodies prospered, and were at variance with each other. But in process of time these dissenting bodies began to approximate toward each other, and the burgess oath being repealed at the close of the wars of Napoleon, the two bodies were re-united under the title of the United Secession church. This name was afterwards changed to the United Presbyterian church, in consequence of the accession of another body, called the Relief church. This was a further secession from the established church in 1753, by some clergymen who refused to assist in the ordination of certain ministers whom they considered as unworthy of a place in the ministry. They rejected the idea of an established church altogether, and formed a synod called the Relief, that is, relief from the exactions and tyranny of the presbyteries. This became a very influential body and its union with the United Secession church was brought about by a course of events which removed the small differences between them. John Park and wife, John McLam and wife and others were members in Scotland of the Relief church.

Meanwhile a great controversy was going on in the established church, which led to a disruption in 1842, under the lead of the celebrated

Dr. Thomas Chalmers, and Dr. Thompson, out of which grew the Free Church of Scotland. Many of the later comers to Ryegate were from the Free church. In 1904, this body combined with the United Presbyterian church, to form the United Free Church of Scotland.

The various divisions and subdivisions of the Presbyterian church in America are, generally, outside of our range of inquiry. It is enough to say that in 1858, a union was formed between the Associate Presbyterian synod, to which the Ryegate church belonged, and the Associate Reformed synod, under the title of the United Presbyterian church of America.

The Reformed Presbyterian church, known as Covenanters, had no independent organization in America after 1782, but its affairs were managed by a committee of the Reformed presbytery in Scotland. In the latter year, the Reformed Presbyterian church of the United States was formed by Revs. McKinney, King, and Gibson, the latter of whom, lately arrived from Ireland, was for many years settled in Ryegate. The ordination, in 1804, at Ryegate, of Rev. S. B. Wylie, was the first ordination of a Covenanting minister in America. In 1808, the synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in the United States was constituted.

In 1833, a division arose in this body upon the subject of the elective franchise, and a separate organization, bearing the same name, was formed. This decision was reflected in Ryegate by the formation of the Reformed Presbyterian Church at South Ryegate, and was generally distinguished from the parent body by the title of New School Presbyterians, locally called the "New Lights."

In this hasty survey no attempt has been made to indicate the theological differences between these branches of the Presbyterian churches.

The first religious service held in Ryegate was by Rev. Peter Powers of Newbury, and probably in the year 1774. Mr. Powers was a Presbyterian, and the Congregational church at Newbury was organized in 1764, upon a basis which was, in part at least, Presbyterian. Mr. Powers preached frequently in the town, and baptized several children. He was highly esteemed, and in 1779, a deputation from Ryegate sought to obtain his services for part of the time.

As the law stood for many years after its settlement, the minister was paid by a tax, and so we must in the absence of other authority, consult the town and company records for such meagre information as they convey concerning early ecclesiastical services in Ryegate.

At a meeting of the members of the Company Aug. 17, 1784, it was voted, "That the inhabitants will join in proportion with the inhabitants of Barnet toward supporting the gospel." Six years later, March 9, 1790, the town appointed the selectmen and elders a committee "to conclude what sum is necessary for the support of the gospel." On the



UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT RYEGATE.
ERECTED 1894.



SCHOOL BUILDING AT RYEGATE.
ERECTED 1898.

10th of April the committee seem to have reported, and 40 bushels of wheat were voted "for the support of the gospel in town the ensuing year." At the March meeting in the following year the town voted, "not to raise anything for the support of the gospel or for a school." This may not imply that there were to be neither school nor preaching that year, but they were to be supported by subscription. No further action of the town is reported till 1795, when it was voted, "to build a meeting house." But the vote alone did not build it, as a special town meeting two weeks later, "could come to no agreement about a meeting-house." But two years later they seem to have come to some agreement, as the town voted, March 14, 1797, "To build a meeting-house on John Orr's land" [where the town house now stands]. On the 30th, James Henderson, William Neilson and Alexander Miller were chosen a committee "to build a meeting-house 40 x 30, 20 ft. post." It was also voted "to raise a tax of nine pence on the Pound on the List of 1796, $\frac{3}{4}$ of said tax to be paid in materials laid on the spot and $\frac{1}{4}$ in cash, to be paid into the town treasury by the 1st of August, 1797." They also voted "a sufficient sum to pay the remaining part of the expense of completing the outside and ground floor to be paid into the town treasury in cash or wheat at cash prices."

On Dec. 20, 1797, the town voted "to underpin the meeting-house with rough stone, John Gray to superintend the work."

It would appear that the meeting-house was begun, but not finished, as the town on the 12th of March two years later, "chose Andrew Brock and Hugh Gardner, a committee to call on the meeting-house committee and find out why it [the meeting-house] is not finished." No report of the committee is preserved, but it would seem that the outside of the house was finished, and the inside, in some sort made so it could be used. It is believed that it was, during the first year provided with temporary benches, on which the congregation sat. A very curious entry in the town records is that on Dec. 25, 1800, when the warning for a special town meeting contained as Article 5, "In regard to the meeting-house: To see if some punishment cannot be inflicted on persons who allow their dogs to follow them to meeting, or on the dogs themselves." No action is reported, and we are left in the dark as to the specific offence of the poor doggies. Whether they were inattentive during the sermon or objected to the teachings of the catechism, we shall never know. This meeting voted: "To complete the meeting-house, and adopt a plan presented by James Whitelaw for the form and order of the seats, except some alterations in the gallery." They also voted to erect a porch at each end of the house and "that the mode for raising money shall be by choosing a committee to appraise the pews—then have a public vendue, each pew to be sold as high as the appraisal. James Whitelaw, Benjamin

Wright, Jabez Bigelow, John Cameron, James Henderson and Josiah Page were chosen the committee.

The completed meeting house was built in the manner common in New England at that day, and modeled after the one at Newbury, which was long considered one of the best in the state. It was not as large, or as elaborately constructed, and had no steeple. A diagram of the interior, found among the Henderson papers, gives a very good idea of its seating arrangements, and it will be observed that there was more vacant space than our modern houses of worship have. There were twenty-six pews on the main floor and twenty-eight in the gallery—the Newbury meeting house having forty-eight pews on the ground floor and thirty-five in the gallery. The pews were square.

On the 12th of January, 1801, the pews were sold at public vendue, paid in notes, one-half due in one year, to be paid in cash or wheat, the remainder in the next year, and paid in cash or beef cattle at cash prices with interest. The purchasers and the prices paid for them were as follows:

FLOOR PEWS.

PURCHASER.		PRICE.	PURCHASER.		PRICE.
No. 1.	Town,		No. 14.	John Cameron,	48.99
" 2.	Josiah Page,	\$62.00	" 15.	James Whitehill,	55 00
" 3.	Campbell Sym,	52.00	" 16.	Andrew Brock,	57.50
" 4.	Hugh Laughlin,	32.50	" 17.	James Carruth,	50.00
" 5.	John Allen,	31.50	" 18.	Robert Whitelaw,	45.00
" 6.	Moses Buchanan,	42.00	" 19.	Andrew Miller,	44.00
" 7.	Allan Stewart,	46.00	" 20.	Andrew Warden,	44.50
" 8.	Alexander Miller,	60.00	" 21.	John Orr,	44.00
" 9.	James Whitelaw,	62.00	" 22.	James Henderson,	43.00
" 10.	Josiah Darling,	60.00	" 23.	James Henderson,	44.00
" 11.	John Craig,	50.00	" 24.	John Gray for John } Park & Widow Ritchie }	44.00
" 12.	Jonathan Gates,	32.50	" 25.	Wm. Craig, Jr.,	45.00
" 13.	James Smith,	34.00	" 26.	Wm. Craig, Jr.,	48.50
		<u>\$564 00</u>	(Total \$1176.50)		<u>\$612.50</u>

GALLERY PEWS.

No. 1.	James Whitehill,	\$ 36.50	No. 15.	Samuel Ingalls,	\$30.00
" 2.	James Whitehill,	36.50	" 16.	Hugh Johnson,	32.00
" 3.	John Harvey,	35.00	" 17.	Josiah Page,	27.50
" 4.	Archibald Taylor,	35.50	" 18.	Joshua Hunt,	30.00
" 5.	James Aikin,	40.00	" 19.	James Henderson,	30.00
" 6.	Andrew Warden,	39.00	" 20.	Kimball Page,	29.50
" 7.	William Neilson, Jr.,	36.00	" 21.	Robert Hall,	30.00
" 8.	Hugh Gardner,	35.00	" 22.	Gideon Currier,	27.00
" 9.	John Smith,	40.00	" 23.	Jabez Bigelow,	33.00
" 10.	James Neilson, Jr.,	40.00	" 24.	Ezra Gate s,	28.37
" 11.	James Esden,	28.00	" 25.	Abraham Whitehill,	27.50
" 12.	James Esden,	32.00	" 26.	Campbell Sym,	27.00
" 13.	Rev. Wm. Gibson,	30.00	" 27.	James McKindley,	31.87
" 14.	Allan Stewart,	30.50	" 28.	Daniel Hunt,	28.00
		<u>\$494.00</u>			<u>\$411.74</u>

The gallery pews sold for \$905.74; all the pews in the house bringing \$2082.24. The entire cost of the house we do not know.

The building thus completed was for many years the principal building in Ryegate, and the center of the religious, political, and social life of the town. From it all roads radiated, and the return of the Sabbath brought almost the entire population of Ryegate within its walls. It was the only large public room in town, and was used for many purposes, the Presbyterians of Scotland, like the Puritans of New England, attaching no special sanctity to the building in which public worship was held. It was the occasion, not the place, which was sacred. It stood till 1855, when it was taken down and the town house erected on its site. The annals of that building, during its life of nearly sixty years, would, if they could be collected and properly arranged, form a most interesting volume, and a record of the inhabitants of the town, such as no other book could ever give. It is to be regretted that some one, familiar with the subject, has not woven its history and associations into narrative.

No provision for warming the building in winter was made for the first twenty years, and it was not until 1817, that measures were taken for that purpose. At a special town meeting held on the 18th of November, Alexander Miller, John Neilson and Robert Whitelaw were chosen a committee "to get glass, repair the porches and the doors leading to the west gallery, and put on corner boards, also to procure a good stove, one knee, and 30 feet of large pipe." The cost of these improvements was \$73.62, raised by subscription, and to be paid in cash or wheat. In the next year four gallery pews, whose owners were gone, dead, or unable to pay, were sold at auction. The town records show that small repairs were made from time to time for many years, and that not all the notes given in 1801 for pews, had been paid twenty years later.

In 1805 the town voted: "To support the selectmen in opposing persons who claim the Glebe lot." This was probably in opposition to the action of the Episcopal church in claiming the church lands. What result the action had is not preserved.

From the outset there was more or less friction about the use of the house, between the two congregations by whom it was occupied, and the matter had, more than once, to be settled in town meeting. On the 14th of July, 1812, the town voted:

To appoint a committee of five persons, two of which to belong to each society, and one to be neutral, whose business it shall be to arrange the days on which each society shall occupy the meeting-house in proportion to their interest in the same, three of whom shall be a quorum, viz.: one of each society, and the neutral one, whose powers shall continue till the next March meeting, and no longer. John Gray and James Hen-

derson on the part of the Seceders, James Whitehill and Alexander Miller on the part of the Covenanters, with Josiah Page as the neutral were chosen.

The committee seems to have managed matters successfully for a few years, but trouble seems again to have arisen, and the following extracts show how it was decided:

"At a meeting of the Associate Congregation, Oct. 1, 1822, at Ebenezer Morrill's house, a committee consisting of William Neilson, James Henderson, James Whitelaw, William Gray and William Gibson were appointed to confer with, and receive proposals from the Reformed Congregation of the town, or of any persons claiming an interest in the Meeting-house, the object being to apportion the use of the house in proportion to ownership."

"Oct. 7, 1822. The Reformed Congregation being informed that the Associate Congregation had appointed their committee, met this day and made choice of Campbell Sym, Alexander Miller, Walter Buchanan, John Harvey and John Hunter as a committee on their part. They found that the share of the Meeting-house owned by members of the Reformed Congregation was \$863.03, and the portion of the Associate Congregation was \$476.83."

It being then found that the proportions of the house owned by the members of each society would give its use for 33 Sabbaths in each year to the Covenanters, and 19 to the Associate Congregation, it was decided that "Mr. Milligan should improve the house 8 Sabbaths and Mr. Ferrier 5 Sabbaths in each quarter, the committee to furnish wood, make repairs, and take care of the house."

In 1825 the Associate Congregation erected a house of worship of its own, leaving the old building to the Covenanters. In January, 1826, a petition from 17 members of the latter congregation petitioned a meeting for repairs to the house. Robert Whitelaw, Alexander Miller, and John Nelson were chosen the committee and instructed to make partial repairs—"patch the roof, fix the loose clapboards on the front of the house, and put on what corner boards are wanting, raise the porches to the house and repair the windows, to receive their pay out of such notes in the hands of the treasurer as are collectable."

After the erection of a new church in 1850, the old building was left to the town, and when it was taken down in 1855, had become much dilapidated. The old building was sold to A. S. Miller, who used a part of it in some out-building. It stood with its side to the road, the pulpit was on the north side of the house, with a broad aisle to a large door which was in the middle of the front side. There was a sort of stoop with an entrance at the west end, to an aisle which ran the length of the church. The stairs to the galleries were in the body of the house.

As the services of the earlier ministers who preached for any length of time in Ryegate were engaged and paid for by the town, it may be as

well to note here what we know of them. The details are very meagre, and, probably a number of clergymen preached here for longer or shorter periods, whose names have not come down to us. Rev. Thomas Goodwillie, about 1863, prepared for Miss Hemenway an account of the Associate church, from which we copy the following:

"Before, during and after the Revolutionary war, several Scotch clergymen came, and preached occasionally, and sometimes administered baptism. Gen. Whitelaw, on his way to Ryegate in 1773, called on Rev. Thomas Clark, a Scotch clergyman of the Associate church, settled in Salem, N. Y., and Col. Harvey, on his way to Barnet in 1774, called also upon him, and to this clergyman John Gray of Ryegate traveled on foot 140 miles to obtain his services. He gave them a favorable answer April 8, 1775 and came and preached some time in Barnet and Ryegate, in the latter part of the summer of that year. He revisited these towns several times afterward, during the war. Rev. Hugh White, a Scotch clergyman, preached in Ryegate at the end of 1776. Rev. Robert Annan preached in both towns in 1784, and returned next year. Rev. David Annan preached for some time in 1785.

Rev. John Huston was present with the session of Barnet August 31, 1786, where the record says, "a petition was drawn up by the elders of Barnet and Ryegate, and referred to the Associate Presbytery, to sit at Peterboro, Sept. 27, 1786, earnestly desiring one of their number might be sent to preach, visit and catechise the two congregations and ordain elders at Barnet. Accordingly the Presbytery appointed Mr. Huston for that purpose."

He goes on to say that Mr. Huston came in October, 1786, and remained till May, returning in October. In the Barnet session records his name is spelled Houston, and from the Whitelaw correspondence he seems to have been a nephew of that William Houston at Glasgow who was the business head of the Company in Scotland.

The town meeting on March 17, 1789 voted a committee to appoint preaching and settle with the minister agreeable to the Acts of the state. John Gray, Andrew Brock, William Neilson, James Henderson and Hugh Gardner were the committee.

At an adjourned town meeting held May 30, 1798, it was

Voted; "That the money due for pine timber from the Glebe lot be paid for preaching done after this date, Mr. Goodwillie to have one-third and Mr. Forsythe two-thirds."

Voted; "That the money to pay Mr. Forsythe for preaching through the summer be paid by subscription when the timber money is done."

On the 17th of September the town voted:

"To pay Mr. Wm. Forsythe \$6 per week for the time he has preached to date, out of the pine money.

To hire Mr. Forsythe, and settle him as minister for the town, as soon as he produces proper credentials. 40 years, 6 days."

Voted; "To pay Mr. Forsythe \$200 for the year ensuing, and increase his salary as the grand list increases, till it amounts to \$250."

Mr. Forsythe declined the offer, but the town seemed desirous to retain him, as at a meeting on the 13th of November it was

Voted; "To pay Mr. Forsythe \$200 the 1st year, and let the salary advance with the list till it amounts to £80 per annum."

This offer was also declined, and there appears nothing further in the town records about the man. Mr. Miller, after transcribing the votes of the town, says—"I know nothing about him, think he was a Covenanter." We are more fortunate. Some letters of his, (in which it appears that while living here he taught school) among the Whitelaw papers, led the editor to inquire about him. Through the kindness of Prof. J. B. Calkin, L. L. D., for more than thirty years principal of the Nova Scotia Normal School at Truro, we learn that Mr. Forsythe was from Scotland, and educated there, and ordained by a College of Lay Elders in the United States, becoming in 1800, pastor of the Associate Presbyterian congregation at Cornwallis, in which he continued till his death in 1840.

Dr. Calkin prepared an historic sketch of the church at Cornwallis, in which he says that Mr. Forsythe, "in addition to the care of his congregation, taught a private school, in which he won a high reputation, and his work was of priceless value to the community."

"Mr. Forsythe was a sturdy, decided man, with distinct views of his own, and was possessed of the full courage of his convictions, ready to state what he believed in no unmistakable terms."

Dr. Calkin, who is a native of Cornwallis, is one of the few persons living who remember this first minister of Ryegate. We speak of him as the first minister, because he was the first who, while preaching in Ryegate, was actually living here at the time.

In his letters to Gen. Whitelaw, he appears to have regretted having left Ryegate, and it would seem, in the light of his subsequent career, that the town should have retained the services of so valuable a man. A printed sermon of his, in pamphlet form, delivered before the "Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Harmony Lodge, at Danville," June 25, 1798, is also interesting as being, as far as we know, the first printed publication of a resident of Ryegate. A copy is in the library of the Vermont Historical Society.

At a special town meeting held Sept. 4, 1799, it was voted to give Rev. William Gibson, who had been preaching here for a few weeks, a call to settle. Those voting in the affirmative were:

John Cameron,	William Neilson, 2d,	John Smith,
David Reid,	Jonathan Gates,	James Neilson,
Hugh Gardner,	Campbell Sym,	Alexander Holmes,

William Craig, Jr.,	John Orr,	James Taylor,
James Aikin,	Samuel Ingalls,	James Whitehill,
James McKinley,	Robert Hall,	John Hunter,
Josiah Page,	Alexander Miller,	Hugh Laughlin,
John Johnson,	George Ronalds,	John Park,
William Craig, Sr.,	John Harvey,	John Dunn,
John Holmes,	Kimball Page.	29

Those voting Nay were:

Lieut. Wm. Neilson,	John Gray,	Samuel Johnson
Andrew Warden,	Benjamin Wright,	Andrew Brock,
William Johnson,	James Whitelaw,	Alexander Shields,
Jacob Page.		10

Seven others voted by proxy.

John Cameron, James Henderson and Josiah Page were chosen a committee to wait on Mr. Gibson and receive his answer. At a town meeting held Dec. 10th, the committee reported Mr. Gibson's answer in the affirmative. The above vote gives some idea of the relative strength of the Covenanters and the "Seceder" or Associate Presbyterians. The March meeting in 1800 voted "to support the minister this year by voluntary subscription."

The annual meeting in March, 1801, voted to raise Mr. Gibson's salary by subscription. Alexander Miller was chosen to take the subscription paper, one-half to be paid by Sept. 1, and the other half by March 1, 1802. John Cameron, James Henderson, and William Neilson were chosen a committee.

CHAPTER XIII.

THE ASSOCIATE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

EARLY CHURCH GOING.—THEOLOGICAL METAPHYSICS.—EARLY MINISTERS.—REV. DAVID GOODWILLIE.—ORDINATION OF REV. THOS. FERRIER.—REV. WM. PRINGLE.—THE DISRUPTION.—REV. JAMES MCARTHUR.—RE-UNION.—LATER PASTORS.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—CHURCH EDIFICES.

THE colonists of Ryegate brought from Scotland a love for the Sabbath and the ministrations of the gospel, with a profound reverence for the doctrines and order of government of the Presbyterian church. They regarded no toil too hard, no sacrifice too great, to the end that religion and morality might be established and perpetuated in the new colony among the Vermont hills. For some years they were favored only occasionally with preaching on the Sabbath, and many resorted to Newbury, a distance of about ten miles from the center of the town, to hear the discourses of Rev. Peter Powers.

In an historical discourse delivered at Newbury in 1831 by Rev. Clark Perry he said, "Not only men but women also came on foot from what is now called Ryegate Corner, and even as far as the ten mile tree,* that they might have opportunity to worship the God of their fathers in the public congregation. When the ladies came to Wells River there being no canoe, they would bare their feet and trip it through as nimbly as the deer. The men generally went barefooted, the ladies certainly wore shoes." Mr. Powers held frequent week day services in Ryegate, but with both Newbury and Haverhill in his charge, he could have given little time to this town, as he was the only minister for many miles up and down the river. "Those who did not find it convenient to attend church at Newbury held meetings for prayer and Christian conference, and attended to the religious instruction of their children."

As we have before stated, the first settlers were from the established church of Scotland, or from that body of seceders known as the Associate Synod. As there was no established church in America, the causes

*The "ten mile tree," was in Barnet, on the Harvey tract. The meeting-house at Newbury was opposite the Oxbow cemetery at that time.

NOTE: The authorities for this chapter are: Rev. J. A. McKirahan's sketch.—Mr. Miller's notes and abstracts of session records.—Historical sketch of the Associate church in Barnet.—Life of Rev. James Clarkson.—Minutes of Synod.—Personal information.

for separation had no existence here, and the colonists united in forming the Associate Presbyterian church. A few of them held Covenanting views, and connected themselves with that body after the arrival of Rev. Wm. Gibson.

This is not the place to inquire concerning the theological differences which caused the formation of two distinct branches of the Presbyterian church here in Ryegate in those early days, or even to state the points of difference. They originated in Scotland and are part of its history. A careful and precise definition of the views held a century ago by Covenanters and by Associate Presbyterians, would present doctrinal points of controversy which could hardly be understood by people of our time. Any one who will undertake to read and comprehend the treatise of Rev. James Milligan upon the controversy between the Associate and the Reformed Congregations of Ryegate and Barnet, will be perplexed by what would seem to us metaphysical subtleties, which could have no bearing upon every day life. Yet there were plenty of people in both towns a century ago who understood and could define these points of difference down to the minutest particular, and could give what seemed to them good and sufficient reasons why the doctrines held by their opponents were illogical and unscriptural. We can only comprehend the eagerness with which people pursued these inquiries into abstruse points of theology by attributing it to the tendency of the Scottish mind for metaphysics, and the further fact that people in those days had more time for such things than we have.

It is believed that the Associate Presbyterian church, which in 1858 became United Presbyterian, was organized before 1779, but as the early records are lost, and the particular circumstances of its formation with them, we can only conjecture concerning them. Rev. Peter Powers, who had great influence in Ryegate and was a member and clerk of the Grafton presbytery, organized Presbyterian churches in Peacham, Bath and other towns, and the circumstance that in the year mentioned the Ryegate people applied to Newbury to obtain a part of his services in their town, leads us to think that their church may have been organized through his instrumentality, perhaps under the direction and possibly under the oversight of Dr. Witherspoon himself.

We have mentioned in the previous chapter the services of several who preached in Ryegate before there was any settled ministry, but the names of all have not come down to us. Dr. Witherspoon, whose interest in the colony ceased only with his death, visited the town in 1776, again in 1782 and 1786. At each visit he preached and baptized children. Rev. Mr. Clark was permitted by his congregation at Cambridge, N. Y., to spend some time in this town and Barnet, in 1785. In 1786 both towns requested supplies from the Associate Reformed Pres-

bytery of Londonderry, and Rev. John Houston was appointed, and instructed to ordain elders over them. This statement, made by Rev. Thomas Goodwillie, would seem to imply that there had been some irregularity in the formation of the church, if organized seven years before, and yet without duly ordained elders. In 1788, by appointment of the Presbytery of Pennsylvania, Rev. Thomas Beveridge came and labored several months. In the next year Rev. David Goodwillie came from Scotland, was induced to visit Barnet, and received a call on the 5th of July, 1790, to become the minister of that congregation. As the people of Ryegate expected to receive part of his services, the call was concurred in by the following persons on the part of the congregation in this town: John Gray and Andrew Brock, Elders; William Neilson, Alexander Miller, James Henderson, William Neilson, 2d, James McKinley, John Wallace, James Neilson, Hugh Gardner, and William Gray. Mr. Goodwillie was installed over the Barnet congregation Feb. 6, 1791, and gave to the Ryegate people one sixth of his time and services for thirty-two years. He was a remarkable man and the ancestor of a distinguished family. Under his charge the church prospered, growing steadily in numbers and ability. "He was diligent in preaching, pastoral visitation, and public catechisings, and in that long period failed to keep his appointments but twice, when prevented by sickness." It is supposed that about 150 were added during his ministry.

In July, 1798, Rev. Thomas Beveridge came to assist Mr. Goodwillie at the sacrament, was taken sick and died and is buried in the churchyard at Barnet Center, where the congregation of Cambridge, N. Y., erected a monument to his memory.

In those early days the ministers of the Associate church were few in number, and often went long distances to assist one another in the four days meetings held in connection with the sacrament. Rev. James Clarkson, who was for thirty-eight years pastor of the Associate church at Chanceford, Pa., near the Maryland border, 80 miles southwest of Philadelphia, rode on horseback to Barnet to assist Mr. Goodwillie on such an occasion in the first year of his settlement, and the latter returned the compliment. Similar journeys and exchanges were made by Revs. Thomas Goodwillie, Alexander Bullions, and William Pringle. Rev. David Gordon, whom we shall mention later, was minister at Chanceford before he came to Ryegate.

A great-granddaughter of the Rev. James Clarkson was the wife of Rev. John L. Merrill, pastor, 1860-'65 of the Presbyterian church at Chanceford, and 1891-1901 of the Congregational church at Newbury. Mr. Merrill gives us this interesting circumstance.

It will be remembered that in 1799, at a special town meeting called to decide the ecclesiastical relations of the town, 33 voted to settle Rev.

Mr. Gibson of the Reformed Presbyterian church, and 13 voted no. It was to these dissenters and their families that Mr. Goodwillie ministered till about 1820.

The congregation now felt able to support a minister of its own, and Rev. Thomas Ferrier having preached acceptably, the following call was presented to him by Rev. Peter Bullions, who had been appointed by the Associate Presbytery of Cambridge to moderate the call:

We the Elders and other members of the Associate Congregation of Ryegate, in full Communion, who have acceded to the Lord's cause aforesaid and Maintained by the Associated Presbytery of Cambridge, as subordinate to the Associate Synod of North America: Taking into our serious consideration the great loss we suffer from the want of a full Gospel Ministry among us, and being fully satisfied from opportunities of enjoying your public ministrations among us that the great Head of the Church has bestowed upon you, Mr. Thomas Ferrier, Preacher of the Gospel, under the inspection of the Associate Synod of North America, such ministerial gifts and endowments as through the Divine blessing may be profitable for our edification.

We therefore call, and beseech you to come to us and help us, by taking the charge and oversight of this congregation, to labor in it, and watch over it, as our fixed Pastor: And on your acceptance of this our call, we promise you all due support, respect, encouragement and obedience in the Lord. Moreover, we beseech and entreat the Reverend Presbytery to whom we present this call, to sustain this the same and to take all steps necessary to your settlement among us with all convenient speed.

In testimony whereof we have subscribed this our call this eighth day of October, in the year of our Lord 1821, before the witnesses subscribing:

William Gibson,	Walter Gilfillan,	Andrew Buchanan
Robert Gibson,	David Warden,	George Nelson
George Smith,	William Warden,	James Neilson,
John Gibson,	James Barr,	Alex. Henderson,
Elders,	William Mason,	James Henderson,
William Gray,	Alex. Gibson,	Robert Gibson, 2d,
Peter McLaughlin	Andrew Warden,	William Henderson,
Wm. Gilfillan, 3d,	Robert Gibson,	Wm. Gibson, Jun.,
Wm. Nelson Jun.,	Peter Gibson,	James Gibson,
James Dunsyre.		

In presence of John Gilfillan } Witnesses.
 John Wallace }

That the above 27 subscriptions are genuine, and done in my presence this Oct. 8, 1821, is attested by Peter Bullions, Moderator.*

The call was laid before the Presbytery, May 24, 1822, and tendered to Mr. Ferrier at Philadelphia and accepted by him. He was ordained at Ryegate, Sept. 28, 1822, the sermon being preached by Rev. Mr. Goodwillie, other parts being taken by Revs. Peter and Alexander Bullions,

* Town Records, Vol. III, pp. 69, 70.

Rev. Miller and Rev. Mr. White.* His salary was to be \$300, a house and twenty acres of land. Some difficulty about securing a parsonage led to his resignation in 1825. Mr. Miller says that he was a very polished speaker, but too fastidious for his people. Sixteen members were admitted during his ministry. He seems to have demitted the charge about the time the new church was built. There is no record of services at its dedication.

The congregation now having a meeting-house of its own was prospering, but it was four years before they settled another pastor and were supplied by various ministers during brief periods, some of them being Revs. Ferrier, Bullions, Goodwillie, Wm. Gibson who are mentioned in the records.

Rev. William Pringle, who had preached acceptably during several months, received a call, which Rev. Alex. Bullions was appointed to present before the presbytery, April 20, 1829.

He was installed pastor, June 29, 1830, and the son of a distinguished minister in Scotland, was a man of more than ordinary ability, and the church was very prosperous during some years. About a year before his ordination the society decided to build a parsonage, and Alex. Henderson, Alex. Gibson and John Nelson were chosen a committee for that purpose. This parsonage which was taken down some years ago, was built in the winter of 1829-30.

We now reach an event in the history of the church which it would be much pleasanter to pass over in silence, now that nearly all who had any part in its proceedings have long ceased to care for them. But it is a part, not only of the history of the town and the church, but of the Associate Presbyterian church in North America, and we think we may,

NOTE BY REV. J. A. MCKIRAHAN.

* It may be interesting to readers of this age of rapid movement to note the deliberation with which the steps looking to the settlement of Mr. Ferrier over the Congregation of Ryegate were taken. Here are the several acts by the different parties with the date of each.

1. Petition from the elders of the Ryegate church for the moderation of a call presented to the Presbytery at Cambridge, N. Y., Aug. 27, 1821.

2. Presbytery in session at Cambridge, Rev. Peter Bullions reported the moderation of a call at Ryegate for Mr. Ferrier. Clerk of Pres. appointed to notify Mr. Ferrier; Mr. Bullions the Congregation.

3. Phil. Pa., May 24, 1822—nine months after the first step was taken—the call presented to Mr. Ferrier, and *he asked for time to consider it.*

4. May 27, three days later Mr. Ferrier formally accepted the call.

5. Aug. 28, 1822, one year from the first step Pres. met at Cambridge N. Y., and ordained Mr. Ferrier to the office of the ministry.

6. Ryegate, Vt., Sept. 28, 1862—*thirteen months* from the inception of the whole matter Mr. Ferrier was formally installed pastor of the Congregation at Ryegate.

without grieving any one, give the general outlines of this unfortunate controversy. It began more than seventy years ago, lasted through many years, and was a serious obstacle to the moral and religious welfare of the community. The only lesson that can be drawn from it is that good men are not always wise. The present pastor has outlined the difficulty in a few sentences—

Until 1838 the course of the church was even and undisturbed. It grew in membership, and maintained religious services after the manner and spirit of the old church in Scotland, many of the older members having come from that land, and others in the years that followed the permanent organization of the church. But in that year trouble arose in the Presbytery [of Cambridge, N. Y.] which for years seriously affected the churches of Ryegate and Barnet. In the spirit of modern days we may wonder how such trouble could have arisen. It had its origin in Scotland over a matter of practice purely local. The Burgess' Oath, in some six cities in Scotland, required a declaration of belief in, and acceptance of, "the present religion" of the country. The Associate church had seceded from the Established church because of corruptions which they declared existed in the Establishment.

The dispute concerned the meaning of the phrase—"the present religion," one party maintaining that it meant the Established church, on account of whose corruptions they had separated from it; the other, that it meant the Protestant, or opposed to the Roman Catholic church.

It seems evident that such a controversy could not be of any possible interest to the church in America. But its doctrinal feature was taken up, and engaged the attention of the church in this country during a series of years. In 1838 Rev. Alexander Bullions, D. D., of Coila, N. Y., was debarred from the ministry for alleged heretical views on the matter. The congregations of Barnet and Ryegate were also erected into a new Presbytery, called the Vermont Presbytery, by the Synod in the same year. The pastors were, one a brother-in-law, and one a son-in-law, of Dr. Bullions.* The Vermont Presbytery restored Dr. Bullions to the office of the ministry. Then the Synod dissolved the presbytery, and deposed the ministers. Party spirit ran high, and involved other congregations. New presbyteries and a new synod were formed, maintaining a separate and independent organization. The congregations of Ryegate and Barnet were both divided, and Rev. James McArthur served that part of both churches which remained with the old presbytery. His pastorate extended from 1846 to 1853. In 1854, the whole matter was dropped, the two synods were re-united without confession or removal or acts of discipline by, or on, anybody. In the Union of 1858, all became United Presbyterians in a strict sense.

Mr. Miller's abstract of session records shows that in 1830 there were 112 members, and that between that date and 1840, 64 had been added and 13 dismissed.

* Dr. Bullions married Mary, daughter of Rev. David Goodwillie of Barnet, and sister of Rev. Thomas Goodwillie. In 1830 the Ryegate minister, Rev. Wm. Pringle, married a daughter of Dr. Bullions.

Those who adhered to the decree of synod convened Oct. 11, 1840, and the session was constituted by Rev. David Gordon, whom we have mentioned before and who supplied the congregation for a time. The elders were John, Alexander, and James Gibson, George Nelson and Andrew Warden. The number of members who presented themselves was 46, of whom 24 were named Gibson, and from the number of persons of that name connected with it, this organization was often called the "Gibson" party, as well as the "Synod" party. They were without a settled pastor for some time, but in 1846 Rev. James McArthur came and was ordained and installed on the 11th of September at Barnet village, over the united congregations of Ryegate and Barnet. Mr. McArthur was born at Cambridge, N. Y., Jan. 8, 1815, and educated at Franklin college, receiving his theological training at Canonsburgh, Pa. His salary was \$400, one-half of which was paid by the Ryegate people. The admissions to his church during his pastorate were 40 in Ryegate and 37 in Barnet, and he married 57 couples.

His wife was a Miss McNab of Johnstown, N. Y., whom he married in the year he came here. They lived for some time in the family of Dea. John Gibson and then resided in a house which he bought at McIndoes, where some of his congregation lived. Several of his children, of whom there were seven, were born there, one of whom became a Presbyterian minister in Illinois. Mr. McArthur resigned near the close of 1857, but continued to preach here occasionally till the end of September in the next year. He removed to Illinois where he filled several pastorates and was also a county superintendent of schools. He died in Walton, Kansas, Oct. 9, 1887. "He was," says Mr. Miller, "a man of good, fair abilities, a faithful minister of the gospel, very exemplary in his conduct, and highly respected wherever known."

The party which adhered to Mr. Pringle kept possession of the church and parsonage, while the Synod party held public worship where they could for some years, and, in 1850, formed articles of association with the Covenanters under which both combined to build a church on the east side of the street. Thus during several years there were two rival congregations, worshipping in church edifices on opposite sides of the same country road, not differing in the slightest particular in either creed or manner of church government, and separated by their views concerning events occurring in Scotland, with which neither party had the slightest thing to do. It was of these two divisions of the Associate church that Dr. Bullions spoke when asked the difference between them replied, "Oh, in one they sing David's Psalms, and in the other they sing the Psalms of David."

The asperities of the period are softened in our view by a circumstance related in the *United Presbyterian* of July 2, 1908, by Rev. Dr.

Scott: "In 1840 the Synod sent a commission of three ministers, all of whom afterward became theological professors, to deal with the Presbytery of Vermont, pastors and people. The meeting was appointed for July 10th in Mr. Goodwillie's church in Barnet. The people received the commission in no very friendly spirit. The Rev. James Martin had prepared a notable sermon on 'The duty of submission to church rulers' for the occasion. He had taken a severe cold on his journey, was seized with a hemorrhage and when he stood up to begin his sermon the blood gushed from his mouth. The audience looked upon it as a judgment because he had come to depose their pastor. Dr. Goodwillie, however, took him to his own home, and he and his family tenderly nursed him for several weeks until able to return to his home in Albany." The sermon was never delivered. In 1861, the union being accomplished between the two factions, the Synod party sold their interest in the latter house to the Covenanters.

The part of the congregation which remained with Mr. Pringle continued to hold regular services with fair attendance and success. In 1844 a number of persons from Greensborough joined the church and were with others formed into an Associate Presbyterian church, June 5, 1845. The new synod, which included those portions of the Ryegate and Barnet congregations which adhered to Rev. Dr. Bullions, assumed the name of the Associate Synod of North America and embraced four presbyteries containing in 1852, twenty-one congregations, eight of which were in New York, six in Illinois, three in Vermont, and one each in Ohio and Rhode Island, numbering 2658 communicants. Several overtures to draw these dissidents into other branches of the Presbyterian church seem to have been made, notably one from the General Assembly which at the meeting of the synod in 1852 was declined in the following resolution.

"That we will not unite with any body who do not sing the psalms of inspiration, or who sing anything else than the psalms, or until we have examined it, who do not sing our version of psalms."

Mr. Pringle resigned in 1852. A further account of him and his family will appear later. After his resignation the divided forces of the church began to unite, and the breach was gradually healed, to the joy and relief of both parties, which had wearied of the long contest which brought no good to either side. The two Associate Synods were formally re-united at a joint session in Albany, N. Y., May 31, 1854. In 1858, the union between the Associate, and Associate Reformed Synods, was consummated, and the Associate Presbyterian church of Ryegate was thenceforth known as the United Presbyterian church.

During the five years which followed Mr. McArthur's resignation the church was supplied by several ministers, whose names are not all remembered. Rev. Mr. Blaikie was here in 1859, during several months, and other ministers before and after him. Mr. George M. Wiley was the next pastor by installation. He came here in July, 1863, and was installed Oct. 12th, and resigned in March 1868, to become pastor of a church at West Hebron, N. Y. Mr. Wiley married Miss Ella M. Gray, and a more complete record of his life will be among the annals of the Gray family. His successor was Rev. William Bruce, from the north of Ireland, who came here in May, 1868, was ordained and installed on the 1st of October. He resigned his charge August 10, 1870. Mr. Bruce died in 1888, having been blind many years. Rev. Hugh Brown, who supplied here a few weeks in 1860, returned in 1870, and occupied the pulpit till the spring of 1872.

Mr. Brown was followed by Rev. Alexander Young Houston, who began to preach here in the fall of 1873. Mr. Houston was born in Ohio in 1824, graduated from Franklin College in 1852, and studied theology two years in Canonsburg Seminary. He was installed here Feb. 13, 1873. In March, 1872, he was badly hurt by a tree falling on him in Hugh Gibson's woods. His health breaking, he resigned about a year later, and the pulpit was declared vacant. He died in New Wilmington, Pa., Aug. 20, 1891, having been in the ministry about 35 years, including some time in the Christian Commission during the civil war. Mr. Houston's successor was Rev. James B. Clapperton, born in Delaware Co., N. Y., in 1836, and graduated at Westminster College and Alleghany Seminary. He was installed here June 9, 1876, and resigned June 20, 1881, returning to New York state. His successors have been Rev. G. T. Galbraith, 1884-85; Daniel Harris, 1886-94; F. A. Collins, 1895-1904; Rev. J. A. McKirahan, the present pastor, installed January, 1906.

The first elders were Andrew Brock and John Gray. Their successors so far as can be ascertained have been: 1817, William Gibson and George Smith; 1820, Robert Gibson, John Gibson and Andrew Warden; 1830, Wm. Henderson, Alexander Henderson; 1832, George Nelson, James Gibson, Alexander Gibson; 1843, Andrew Laughlin, Nathan Batchelder; 1873, Wm. J. Gibson, A. B. Pringle, John F. Nelson, W. L. Somers; 1856, Robert Symes, Robert Gibson, Hugh G. Miller; 1867, Robert Dalrymple; 1888, W. T. McLam, R. J. Nelson, F. W. Whitehill, J. E. Crown.

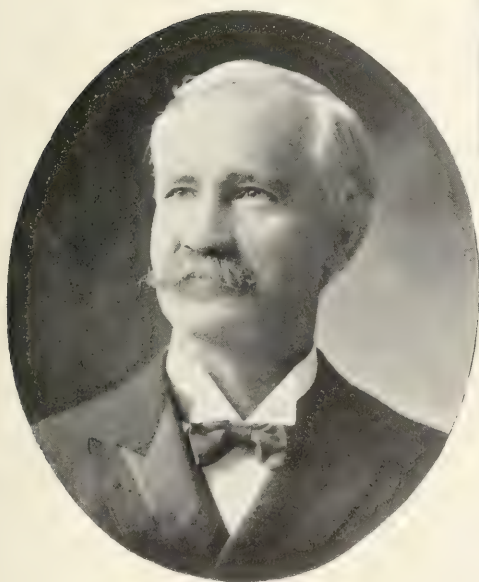
The Associate Presbyterian congregations of Ryegate and Barnet belonged to the Associate Presbytery of Pennsylvania, from the time that these congregations applied to that Presbytery for a minister till May 21, 1801, when the Associate Synod of North America was organized, and they were included in the Associate Presbytery of Cambridge, N. Y., then formed. On July 10, 1840, the Associate Presbytery of Ver-



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(COVENANTER, RYEGATE AND BARNET)



REV. FRANK A. COLLINS.



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mont was constituted at Barnet by Rev. Thomas Goodwillie. Since May, 1858, the Vermont Presbytery has belonged to the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian church of North America.

Very little can be ascertained respecting the beginning of Sunday Schools connected with the church. The older people did not favor them, considering that parents should instruct their children, instead of leaving the duty to others, and it was not until Sunday Schools had been long established in other towns, that a few children were gathered for instruction during the interval of Sabbath services. But the innovation soon became a fixed feature, yet Sunday Schools do not seem to have been considered a part of the church work, as no allusion to them is made in the session records till about forty years ago, and the first mention of them is of a restrictive nature, in decreeing that the Sunday School papers should not be given out upon the Sabbath. In later years the school became an important part of church work, constantly increasing in scope and value. Societies for the study and support of missions, temperance and religious training of the young have shared its benevolent care.

We have mentioned that this church was by vote of the town, entitled to occupy the old meeting-house a certain number of Sabbaths in each year. In 1825, the congregation erected a church edifice, the first building in the town dedicated wholly to religious purposes. This house of worship served the society for 65 years, when the present church was built, and dedicated. It contains many features which are indications of the changes which have taken place as to the view which the church now takes of its mission in the community.

CHAPTER XIV.

RELIGIOUS HISTORY—(Continued).

THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—ORGANIZATION.—REV. ALEXANDER MCLEOD.—REV. JAMES MCKINNEY.—WILLIAM GIBSON.—“REFORMED PRINCIPLES EXHIBITED”—REV. JAMES MILLIGAN.—PUBLICATIONS.—REV. JAMES M. BEATTIE.—LATER MINISTERS.—THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT SOUTH RYEGATE —THE FIRST OR GENERAL ASSEMBLY CHURCH.—REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BARNET.—OBSERVATIONS.—THE RYEGATE AMELIORATING SOCIETY.

THIS church, whose members are locally known as Covenanters, was, for nearly a century, very prosperous, and for much of its prosperity it was indebted to the remarkable ability and long service of its ministers. We have already traced the origin and growth of the Reformed Presbyterian church in Scotland, and shown that the Covenanters of Ryegate and Barnet hold as their inheritance the principles for which their ancestors suffered in the times of the persecution. We have cited from the town records its relative strength in the votes cast for and against the settlement of Rev. William Gibson by the town. For some years before his coming those who held Covenanting views associated themselves in supplying the lack of gospel ordinances by mutual conversation and devotional meetings. Among the early Covenanters who came here were Hugh Gardner, Alexander Miller and probably others who gave their support for some years to preachers with whom they were not wholly in sympathy.

In 1798, James Whitehill, who has been spoken of as the father of the Covenanting churches in Ryegate and Barnet, came and settled on the Witherspoon tract, to which he was followed, two years later, by his brother Abraham. These brothers, who were men of good education and deep religious spirit, holding from their youth the principles of the Covenanters and able to defend them, were the nucleus of the society.

Near the end of 1797, Rev. William Gibson, who had been the pastor of a church in the north of Ireland, and who, being suspected of disloyalty to the British government in the Irish rebellion, and compelled to flee to America to escape arrest and execution, came to Ryegate, and ministered to the Covenanting families of the vicinity through the winter. He was followed by Rev. Alexander McLeod, a native of Scotland,

and an early graduate of Union College, who was destined to considerable eminence in the ministry. Mr. Miller thinks that he was here during several months of 1798 and preached in both Ryegate and Barnet, but he seems to have had no intention of remaining. He appears to have won the hearts of the people, and Mr. Miller says that in both towns no fewer than twenty-four children were named for him. Dr. McLeod was long settled over a Reformed congregation in New York City, whose church occupied the site on which Stewart's great store was afterwards built.

Toward the end of the year 1798, Rev. James McKinney, of whom we have before spoken, came, and preached for some months. He was, like Mr. Gibson, a refugee from the north of Ireland, and encouraged the people to settle a pastor. A call, signed by eight communicants and moderated probably by Mr. McKinney, was extended to Mr. Gibson and accepted by him. He was installed July 10, 1799, as pastor of the "Reformed Presbyterian Congregation of Vermont." Mr. Gibson's settlement was by the town, and as the first settled minister, he drew the "Minister's lot," indicated in the charter of the town by Governor Wentworth.

About the beginning of the century there came to Ryegate several persons and families who had been compelled to leave the north of Ireland on account of complicity, or suspected complicity with the rebellion of 1798, and who were connected with Reformed congregations in the old country. These proved a valuable accession to the Ryegate church to which they contributed influential members during many years.

"For some years after Mr. Gibson's settlement there were no carriages in town. The only means of locomotion was on foot or on horseback. It was not uncommon on a Sabbath morning to see the worshippers some on foot and some on horseback, flocking to the house of God. A man and his wife, each holding a child, frequently rode one horse. Notwithstanding these difficulties many who lived four to six miles distant from the place of worship were seldom absent on the Sabbath."

Mr. Gibson lived one year in the family of James Whitehill, and then bought the farm on which John Ritchie, who came from Scotland in 1784, had settled, and had partly cleared. He was a very strong muscular man, who usually worked on his farm during the week, and much of the heavy wall on that farm was laid by him, while he studied his sermons as he worked. His discourses were carefully prepared, he

AUTHORITIES. Sketch by Rev. H. W. Reed.—History of Presbyterianism in America.—Mr. Miller's notes and abstracts.—The Covenanter.—Life of Col. David Jameson.—Mr. Milligan's published Works.—Letters from Rev. J. S. T. Milligan.—Letters of Revs. Gibson and Milligan to Gen. Whitelaw.—Personal information.

excelled in logic, and as a public speaker was thought to have had no superior in this vicinity. He was a good classical scholar, and had pupils during his residence here.

An event of some importance during his ministry was the ordination in the Ryegate meeting-house, June 25, 1800, of Rev. Samuel B. Wylie, which was, as we have stated, the first ordination of a covenanting minister in North America. Unfortunately no record account of this interesting and historic event has come down to us. Mr. Wylie became very prominent in the church.

Rev. Mr. McKinney,* who was certainly present, was also from the north of Ireland, seems to have been a classmate at college with Mr. Gibson, and they married sisters. He came to this country in 1793, and in 1804 was installed over a church in Chester Co., S. C., where he died suddenly in September of that year. Rev. Joseph Beattie, a half-brother of Rev. J. M. Beattie, and long a missionary in Syria, was a grandson of Rev. William McKinney.

So far as is known, Mr. Gibson issued but one publication while living in Ryegate, which is entitled:

The substance of a sermon preached at Barnet, designed to expose some dangerous Errors contained in a Sermon lately preached and published in this Neighborhood—"When the Enemy shall come in like a Flood," etc.

In 1806, Mr. Gibson and Mr. McLeod were appointed by the Reformed Presbytery as a committee to publish an historical sketch of the Reformed Presbyterian church, together with a declaration of its principles. The result was a volume of 240 pages entitled, "Reformed Principles Exhibited." The last part of the work is called a "Declaration and Testimony," and consists of thirty-one chapters, in each of which a doctrinal point is stated and fortified by arguments and scripture citations, while certain errors under each point are condemned, and testified against severally. It is, practically, two volumes bound in one, and we have no means of knowing what portion of either was written by Mr. McLeod, or Mr. Gibson. The full title of the first part of the work is as follows:

"A Brief Historical View of the Church as a Visible Covenant with God, in two books, the first exhibiting the Church Universal, and the second the Reformed Presbyterian Church."

The title of the last part is:

The Declaration and Testimony of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in America.†

* Life of Col. Jameson.

† A revised edition was published in 1863.

Mr. Gibson demitted the charge April 13, 1815. His last years in Ryegate were not altogether peaceful, and in some letters which remain he expressed himself with much bitterness against some who had been at first his warmest friends. He appointed Robert Whitelaw as his agent who sold his farm to Rev. James Milligan, by whom it was sold in 1819 to John Hall. Of Mr. Gibson's later career, and of his remarkable family, a full account is given in this volume.

Mr. Gibson's successor was Rev. James Milligan, probably the most talented and eloquent minister Ryegate ever had. He came here in the fall of 1816, and received a call, being installed September 26, 1817.

Under him the church was very prosperous. He held, also, the oversight of the societies in Topsham and Craftsbury, which increased so rapidly that they were organized into separate congregations in 1818, and 1820, respectively. His congregations in Ryegate and Barnet doubled within a few years; his eloquence, and the high quality of his sermons made him widely known. In frame he was large and his complexion was dark, so that he was said much to resemble Daniel Webster. His eloquence was of the sledge hammer variety, says Mr. Miller, and his sentences were ponderous and weighty. He was one of the earliest abolitionists, and his utterances upon the subject of slavery were of no uncertain kind. Mr. Milligan was a fine classical scholar, and taught school while in Ryegate, also had private pupils. In his teaching he was severe and exacting, but thorough. In the pulpit he was at his best, and he often held his audience for hours. He introduced the order of Deacons, and attempted to substitute singing of the psalms by rote, for the time honored practice of "lining out." In this old way the precentor read one line of the psalm, which the congregation sang after him, then another line, and so on. This custom originated in old days, when books were few. Later, the precentor read two lines instead of one. Mr. Milligan's attempted innovation created an opposition which led, it is said, to his resignation.

At a congregational meeting held about that time to discuss the proposed change, an old Scotchman took the floor and said, "that he could stand some things which had been done in the church as they would soon be forgotten, but when it came to singing the psalms out of a book he drew the line." "If," said he, "we begin to sing the *sawms* out of the book, next thing we shall have Watt's hymns and after that the devil!"

This controversy lasted during many years, as the Barnet Session records contain the following:

Jan., 1827.

A paper being presented with a number of signatures praying that the Session would sanction the mode of singing the psalms in the congre-

gation without reading the line, a motion being made that it was not expedient at present to grant that request, and that opportunity be given to those who are opposed to the above mode, to give in their reasons.

Mr. Milligan, however, persisted in the innovation, but made enemies by doing so. During his ministry the Walter Harvey Meeting-house was built in Barnet. Before that time they had worshipped in private houses, and in a barn in the Roy neighborhood.

Mr. Milligan was a frequent contributor to the religious press of his time, but only two publications have come down to us.

"A Narrative of the Late Controversy Between the Associate
and Reformed Presbyterians of Ryegate and Barnet,
By James Milligan.

Danville, Ebenezer Eaton, Printer, 1819, p. p. 136."

In the following year he published, from the same press, "A Plea for Infant Baptism." He resigned his pastorate, May 17, 1839. His extraordinary ability has been transmitted to a brilliant coterie of sons and grandsons.

After Mr. Milligan left Ryegate, the congregation was supplied a part of the time by several ministers whose names have not come down to us. Mr. Milligan's logical successor was his namesake, Rev. James Milligan Beattie, who came here late in 1843. He was a graduate of Union College, completing his theological studies in Scotland. He was ordained at Coldenham, N. Y., by the New York Presbytery, May 28, 1844, and installed in the Barnet meeting-house, over the congregations of Ryegate and Barnet, on the 20th of the next month, by a commission of Presbytery consisting of Revs. S. M. Willson of Craftsbury, J. M. Willson of Philadelphia, and Andrew Stevenson of New York, with ruling elders, William McLaren, Josiah Divoll, and Jonathan Coburn. "Mr. Beattie was considered as of more than usual ability as a preacher, pre-eminent in prayer, and an excellent manager of his people. He was a very close student, writing out his sermons in full, and committing them to memory. He preached one Sabbath in Ryegate and the next in Barnet, and did not miss a Sabbath in 38 years, a wonderful record. He was, for many years, a trustee of Peacham Academy."

Mr. Beattie was identified with Ryegate for forty years, and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of the entire community, and the adjoining towns. He contributed largely to the press, but left no published work, except an historical sketch of the town for Miss Hemenway's Gazetteer. His delivery was attractive, his discourses scholarly and clear, and in the preparation of funeral sermons had few superiors.*

*Mr. Miller.

He was stricken with paralysis in the pulpit on the Sabbath, Jan. 29, 1882, and failed steadily till his death, March 9, 1883, having resigned his charge several months before.

In his pastorate the old meeting-house on the hill was abandoned for a new and more modern edifice, built in 1850, jointly with the Gibson or Synod party of the Associate church, and which, in 1862, became the entire property of the Reformed congregation. It contained fifty-two pews, and made a Sabbath home for the church until destroyed by fire.

Mr. Miller computes that at Mr. Beattie's accession, there were 113 members, and that 346 members were connected with the church during his pastorate, in which he solemnized 102 marriages.

Mr. Beattie's successor was Rev. Hugh W. Reed, who was ordained and installed, Jan. 19, 1883, resigning Sept. 21, 1886, to become principal of an Academy in Alabama. Mr. Reed married his wife in Ryegate, and a more complete account is given elsewhere of his labors and family. He was succeeded in December, 1888, by Rev. W. A. Pinkerton, who demitted the charge two years later, and the church has since been attached to the Barnet congregation, under the charge of Rev. D. C. Faris. On the 16th of August, 1890, the church edifice, which had been the home of the congregation for nearly fifty years, was destroyed by fire. The church has been greatly reduced by deaths, removals, and transfers to other congregations, and there now remain but seventeen members, a small but faithful remnant of what was once an active and successful congregation.

Mr. Gibson and Mr. Milligan acted as session clerks during their pastorates, but the earliest records disappeared many years ago. It is believed that James Whitehill and Hugh Gardner were the first elders. Alexander Miller has been mentioned as an elder, but Edward Miller does not speak of him as one. John Hyndman and James Caldwell, with Mr. Whitehill are named as elders in 1824, with Samuel Allen "Assistant Elder." This is the first entry in the earliest existing records. Later, James Buchanan is mentioned as a "ruling elder." In a notice of Jonathan Coburn, Rev. Mr. Beattie stated that he had been an elder about forty years at his death in 1860. John McLam was chosen an elder about 1835, and William McLaren is mentioned as holding the office about that time, and for many years afterwards. Robert Dickson was also an elder, but the date of his ordination does not appear. Robert Dickson, Jr., and James McLam were ordained Nov. 26, 1867, and John McLam, Jr., ordained deacon. On Sept. 18, 1886, John H. Welch and Robert H. Gates were ordained as ruling elders, and at the same time James M. Doe and James W. Eastman were ordained deacons.

Mr. Miller gives as session clerks after Mr. Milligan: William McLaren, William Bone, Duncan Ritchie and Robert H. Gates.

THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT SOUTH RYEGATE.

During the pastorate of Rev. James Milligan over the Reformed Presbyterian congregation of Ryegate, a division arose in that branch of the Presbyterian church with which the Ryegate congregation was, and is still connected, respecting the use of the elective franchise. One party maintained that those who took oaths, under the constitution of the United States, contrary to the expressed principles of the Covenants, and voted at town, state, and national elections, ought to be subjected to the discipline of the church, while the other party maintained that such exercise should be a matter of forbearance. Those who held the latter view increased in numbers, and the ultimate result was the formation of two separate synods, each claiming to be the synod of the Reformed Presbyterian church. This division occurred in the year 1833. The influence was soon felt in Ryegate, and there were those in Mr. Milligan's congregation who dissented from his views regarding the federal government under the constitution, and after his removal the division increased, till, in 1843, the congregation was divided, those who held the more advanced views being called New School Presbyterians, and, locally, as the "New Lights." This division, like most religious divisions, was accompanied with some bitterness of feeling and expression.

The new congregation was recognized as the Reformed Presbyterian Congregation of Ryegate, in connection with the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America.

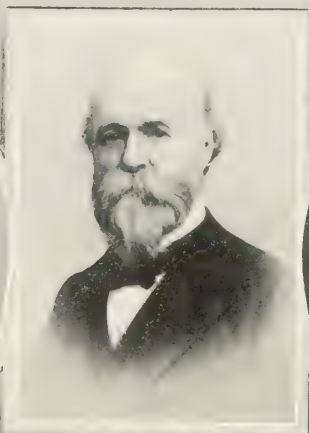
As nearly as can now be ascertained, the first meeting of the new session was at Dr. Perry's house at the Corner, Aug. 11, 1843. Dr. Perry, who was one of the leaders in the new movement, had been more than once under censure for having been present at an election, using his influence in favor of a particular candidate, although it does not appear that he actually voted. The members present were Dr. Perry, Robert Symes, John McClure, and William Buchanan. Rev. Dr. Wylie, who was present, took the chair as moderator. Dr. Perry was chosen clerk. Rev. Dr. McLeod was present, and took part. Jean Buchanan, James McClure, Thomas Smith and Martha Jane Donaldson were admitted to membership in the church. The session was adjourned with prayer by Dr. McLeod. The second meeting of the session was held Feb. 8, 1844, with Rev. S. C. Beattie as moderator. On the 5th of January following, a meeting was held, with Rev. Gifford Wylie in the chair.

There is no record of any other meeting of session until Aug. 30, 1847, when one was held at the house of John McClure. About a year

AUTHORITIES. Historical sketch by Rev. John Bole, in 1861.—Sketch by Rev. W. A. Pollock.—Mr. Miller's notes.—Session records, and personal information, by Rev. Wm. Wylie and others.



REV. JOHN BOLE



REV. W. J. MACDOWELL



J. H. KENDALL D.D.



REV. S. A. JACKSON



REV. J. H. McARTHUR



REV. W. A. POLLOCK

later, a meeting was attended at the "old meeting house," of which Rev. Mr. Patterson was moderator. On the 30th there was a congregational meeting, at which a unanimous call was made to Rev. Robert A. Hill to become pastor of the church.

It is understood that previous to that time, preaching had been held in the old meeting house at the Corner, and in school houses in other parts of the town, and in Newbury and Barnet. Mr. Hill was ordained and installed in 1848, and remained upwards of three years. He was an able and devoted pastor, generally esteemed for his excellent personal qualities, as well as for his ability as a preacher. During his ministry the present house of worship was built. At that time South Ryegate contained only five dwelling houses, but there was no church building in that part of the town, and it was also convenient for the attendance of several families in Newbury who were connected with the congregation.

It would appear that meetings were also held in Barnet, as the session met in that town, Sept. 29, 1849, when nine persons were admitted as members, and on June 19, 1851, at the "Union Meeting House in Ryegate," when "Peter Buchanan and Archibald Bachop, elders from Barnet," met with the Ryegate elders.*

Mr. Hill demitted the charge in 1852, and in 1853, Mr. John Bole came here from Scotland and began preaching, received a call, and was ordained and installed December 24th of that year. The congregation is then mentioned as under the care of the Northern Presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. Mr. Bole was very successful in his ministry, and was considered one of the most able ministers in this part of the state. A more complete account of Mr. Bole and his family appears later. He resigned his charge June 2, 1862. At that time there were 135 members on the church roll.

Rev. Wm. J. McDowell began his labors early in the following year, and was installed June 17, 1863, and began a faithful and successful ministry of ten years, resigning in 1873.

During the interval between his resignation and the installation of Rev. J. H. Kendall, July 13, 1876, the church was supplied by several ministers, and in that time occurred the disruption and the formation of another church, to which over 30 members withdrew. Mr. Kendall's ministry was a successful one, and closed Jan. 1, 1886. Later pastors have been: Rev. Samuel A. Jackson, Jan. 1, 1892-May 1, 1901; Rev. J. H. McArthur, 1901-1905; Rev. Wm. A. Pollock, July, 1907, to date. With the possible exception of Mr. Hill, more complete sketches of each of these ministers will be given later.

* NOTE. The Barnet congregation was organized in 1847 and Mr. Bole was ordained pastor of "the congregations of Ryegate and Barnet." In 1854 Mr. Bole demitted the charge of the Barnet congregation, which is not now in existence.

The first absence of an elder from session meetings in twelve years was Feb. 12, 1855, when Mr. Symes was absent. In June, 1855, Wm. McLaughlin and Wm. McClure were chosen elders, and on June 30, 1858, the name of Andrew Laughlin first appears. Dr. Perry met with the session for the last time June 1, 1865, having been clerk for 22 years. Rev. Mr. McDowell served as clerk for three years.

On April 25, 1867, John Smith, Andrew Dunnett, T. J. McClure and James Dickey were elected. Mr. Dickey was chosen clerk, Aug. 27, 1868, and served seven years, followed by Andrew Dunnett who served six years. John McClure was a member of the session 32 years, and there is no record of his being absent from any meeting in that time.

Oct. 27, 1876, Robert Henderson, John A. Miller, James Renfrew and Andrew Wylie were chosen. The first mentioned was chosen clerk, Oct. 6, 1881, served about eight years, and was a member of session 14 years.

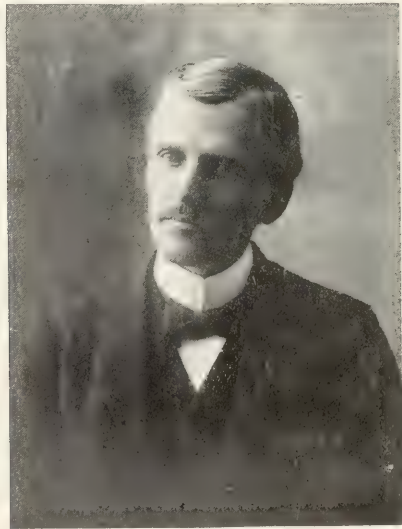
On March 24, 1889, Andrew Buchanan, Wm. T. George, and Wm. A. Gibson were ordained elders, and Mr. Buchanan was chosen clerk, serving 18 years, having been a member of session 21 years.

Feb. 19, 1876, M. F. McDonald, J. D. Grant, and Wm. N. Gilfillan were chosen, and on Jan. 27, 1910, Donald A. Morrison, James Vance and Chas. H. Grant were chosen elders. Mr. Gilfillan was chosen clerk Aug. 17, 1907, and by his patient research we are informed of the names of the elders and their dates of accession, as far as they can be ascertained. The membership of the church is now about 80 and it is supposed that about 500 persons have been members of the church. At a meeting called for that purpose Feb. 3, 1909, the church voted to become a United Presbyterian church and to enter the Vermont Presbytery of the same. The change was completed June 8, 1909, at a meeting of the U. P. Presbytery of Vermont which met at St. Johnsbury, W. N. Gilfillan being commissioner acting for the congregation in conjunction with the pastor, Rev. W. A. Pollock.

The first congregational meeting recorded was held at South Ryegate, Aug. 13, 1848, at which William and James McClure of Ryegate, William Graham of Barnet and James Halley of Newbury were chosen trustees. The present trustees are Tait Ritchie, D. A. Morrison, Edgar Taplin, George Beaton, F. J. Doe, and George Lackie. William McClure was clerk of congregation more than eighteen years, his successors being A. Buchanan, John Henderson, F. J. Doe, W. T. George and C. H. Grant. The present Sunday school superintendent is C. H. Grant; assistant, Tellis Cole; secretary, I. H. Gilfillan; assistant, Edith Lackie; treasurer, Mrs. C. H. Grant. The Sunday school is comprised of several departments. Connected with the church is a Christian Endeavor Society, with a junior department, and a Ladies' Aid Society, which supplements and amplifies the general work of the church.



REV. J. J. HALL.



REV. WM. S. WALLACE.
PASTORS OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT SOUTH RYEGATE.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.*

The youngest church in Ryegate, which is known by the above name, and locally called the "new" church, was organized by the Presbytery of Boston, Nov. 11, 1875, and is affiliated with the General Assembly branch of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, which is the largest and most influential of the churches in this country which are embraced under the name Presbyterian.

The foundations of the church in America were laid by Francis Makenzie, a native of Ireland, but educated in Scotland, who began his work in America with the organization of the Presbyterian church at Snow Hill, Maryland. The first Presbytery was formed in 1705-'06, at Freehold, N. J., the first Synod was instituted in 1717, and the first General Assembly met at Philadelphia in 1787.

The local church was the organized expression of the desire on the part of many in the "Old," or Reformed Presbyterian church, for more personal liberty in worship, especially in the offering of praise to God in the use of Hymns as well as Psalms. The members of the original session were: Samuel Mills, Sr., Robert Dalrymple, James Arthur, Wm. John Nelson, James Davidson and James Dickey. Soon after its organization it reported 53 members. At that time Rev. F. S. Finney was supplying the pulpit, and services were held in the depot hall until the erection of the church edifice.

Rev. John Loyd was pastor from June, 1878 to Sept. 1879; Rev. Mr. Boyd was stated supply for a short time; Rev. James W. Flagg was installed June, 1882, and resigned in 1887; Rev. Charles K. Canfield was pastor from 1888 till his death here, March 18, 1891; Rev. J. J. Hall was installed Nov. 3, 1871, and resigned in the spring of 1899 and was succeeded in Jan. 1900, by the present pastor, Rev. Wm. Seward Wallace, who was installed in the May following. More complete accounts of the life and work of these pastors are given elsewhere.

The present house of worship was erected in the summer of 1880, and dedicated near the close of the year, the building committee being Dr. J. B. Darling, George Cochran and James White. In 1885 a congregational meeting appointed James White, M. F. Sargent and Josiah A. Keenan a committee to purchase land and erect a parsonage, which was completed under the direction of William J. Nelson, Mr. White and Mr. Keenan. In 1895 largely through the instrumentality of the Endeavor Society, under the direction of a committee composed of J. D. McAllister, Miss Marion Hall, and George Cochran, a commodious vestry was added to the church. Within the past twelve years the church has been re-

* From Historical Sketch by Rev. W. S. Wallace.

painted, repaired and fitted with electric lights; the vestry has been re-arranged and re-fitted, the parsonage renovated, and other improvements made.

Two strong auxiliaries of the church have been the Endeavor Society and the Ladies' Aid Society. The former was instrumental in building the vestry, and the latter has raised and expended \$3,200, more than one-half this sum within ten years.

The elders chosen at the organization of the church were: Samuel Mills, Robert Dalrymple, James Davidson, James Dickey, James Arthur, Wm. J. Nelson. Those of later election have been: 1879, W. J. Henderson and Josiah A. Keenan; 1889, Andrew Wylie, A. H. Park; 1890, F. R. McColl and W. A. Davidson; 1893, H. J. Park; 1896, D. H. Eastman; 1900, Wm. Stephen; 1901, Alexander Renfrew; 1908, N. A. Park; 1909, A. R. Bone.

The first deacons were: W. J. Henderson, T. W. Smith, Robert Nelson, W. J. Nelson, Robert Cochran and Josiah A. Keenan. Their associates and successors have been: 1880, George Cochran, Albert Hall, M. F. Sargent, M. H. Randall; 1883, F. R. McColl; 1889, J. D. McAllister; 1895, William Terry; 1901, Archibald Park, N. A. Park; 1902, Orange Morrison, Alex. Beaton, Edwin Henderson; 1905, C. K. Gibson; 1909, Ernest Keenan.

The Sunday School superintendents, with the year of assuming service, have been: 1876, James Dickey; 1877, George Cochran; 1884, F. R. McColl; 1891, Wm. Terry; 1892, N. A. Park; 1894, H. J. Park; 1900, F. R. McColl; 1906, Wm. Stephen; 1907, F. R. McColl.

The superintendents of the primary department: 1895, Mrs. J. J. Hall; 1897, Martha J. Park; 1899, Jennie Craigie; 1902, Mrs. G. H. Roben; 1904, Mabel Hall.

THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BARNET.

This society, locally known as the Walter Harvey church, is entitled to a place in the annals of Ryegate, as its house of worship is just across the Barnet line on the Hazen road. Many of its congregation reside in this town, and it is an offshoot of the Reformed or Covenanter church at Ryegate Corner. Rev. D. C. Faris, its pastor, has prepared an historical sketch of the church, and most of the particulars herein given are from his manuscript.

Before the erection of the church building, services were held by Revs. Gibson and Milligan in Barnet, sometimes in dwelling houses and sometimes in a barn in the Roy neighborhood. About 1830, steps were taken for building a meeting-house and a half acre of land was secured from Walter Harvey who lived directly opposite, and the building has since gone by the name of the "Walter Harvey Meeting House," and the burial ground which is near as, the "Walter Harvey Cemetery."



REV. JAMES W. FLAGG.



REV. CHARLES KEELER CANFIELD.
PASTORS OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT SOUTH RYEGATE.

The building was framed early in the spring of 1831, much of the work being given. John Hunter was the master workman. A disaster occurred at the raising, which was about the 1st of April. The frame of the body of the house was raised without accident, but when the roof timbers were piled upon the beams, the latter were not sufficiently propped, and gave way under the weight; all the men who were on the frame fell to the ground, mingled with the falling timber. Matthew Holmes, a promising young man in his 21st year, was so badly injured, that he died from his injuries, and from unskillful treatment of them, six weeks later. John Stewart, John Laughlin, David Wormwood, Isaac Moore and others were badly hurt, but recovered. The building was completed in that year. It has never had steeple or bell. In 1874 and 1891, extensive repairs were made, the old pews with their doors were removed, a new pulpit set and other changes were made and the interior modernized.

During the last year of Mr. Milligan's pastorate, and for thirty-three years afterward services were held alternately in this building and in the church at the Corner, the members owning pews and attending services in both churches, and the congregation was known as Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ryegate and Barnet. Rev. J. M. Beattie, who lived at the Corner did not fail an appointment in Barnet for twenty-eight years.

In the year 1872, a petition for a new organization to worship in the Walter Harvey Meetinghouse was presented to the session, on April 29th and transferred to Presbytery, as was, also, on May 12th, a remonstrance against that petition. The petition was, however, after due hearing, granted by that body and a commission of Presbytery met in the church to effect the organization. Seventy persons who, on July 8th were certified by the session of Ryegate and Barnet, together with three others, were organized July 9th, into a new society known as the "Barnet Congregation." Rev. Mr. Beattie remained pastor of the church at Ryegate till released May 7, 1872.

The elders of the new organization were James and Robert McLam and Alexander Shields; the deacons were James McLam, William Whitehill and Robert W. Laird. Of the members at least thirty-seven were residents of Ryegate, twelve of Groton, nine of Peacham, eight of Barnet, and five of Monroe, N. H.

The congregation was supplied by the Presbytery for some months, and in March, 1873, Mr. Daniel C. Faris came, received a call to become pastor on April 29th, was ordained and installed June 25th, and, still in charge, has held a longer pastorate than any other minister in this part of New England. The son of Rev. James and Nancy (Smith) Faris, he was born near Bloomington, Ind., June 21, 1843, graduated from Indiana State University, 1863, taught one year in a Freedman's school near

Natchez, Miss., attended the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Alleghany, Pa., four winters, and was engaged in home missionary work and the supply of vacant churches till his settlement in Vermont. He married Nov. 15, 1870, Miss Mary A. Russell of Round Prairie, Minn.

Besides the elders chosen at its organization, the office has been held by David Lang, William Whitehill, A. W., and J. A. McLam, William M. Hunter, James Shields and John Gates. The following in addition to those chosen at the beginning have served as deacons: A. W. McLam, W. S. Orr, J. R. Hunter, W. A. Whitehill, W. J. Caldwell, J. C. Morrison and E. S. Manchester. Of the present members thirteen live in Ryegate, fourteen in Barnet, fifteen in Peacham, and the others in various places. Robert McLam was clerk of session till Dec. 19, 1879, since which date A. W. McLam has been clerk.

A Sunday School has been sustained from the first, nearly all the congregation being members of the school. David Lang was superintendent till Nov. 1, 1875, Robert McLam for some time and since that, the pastor.

This congregation retains more of the customs of the ancient Covenanter churches in Scotland than any other in this vicinity. The old Scotch version of the Psalms is sung without accompaniment; the communion service is held twice in each year, consisting of meetings on four days besides the Sabbath, and "tokens," as in the old days in Scotland, are still used on those occasions, in which the pastor is assisted by a Covenanting minister from another congregation. Some of the most prominent clergymen in the denomination have been his assistants on these occasions.

"This congregation has from its beginning always loyally maintained the dominant principles of the Covenanters faith, viz: That Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church and Head over all things to the Church, and that His will as revealed in the Bible, a supreme law for all mankind, for the individual, the family, the church and the state, and that the individual cannot be morally bound by any law that requires the violation or ignoring of the law of God."

Societies and organizations for the advancement of various causes there have been in Ryegate from early days. The Ryegate and Barnet Anti-Slavery Society was in existence as early as 1825, Rev. James Milligan being President. A temperance organization of some kind was addressed by Rev. David Sutherland in 1817, according to a report of the occasion in the *North Star*. But how many people now living ever heard of the "Ryegate Ameliorating Society?" Yet such a society did exist, and was formed Sept. 21, 1825, with Rev. James Milligan, President; Robert Whitelaw, Vice President; James Whitelaw, Secretary; Dr.



R. P. CHURCH, SO. RYEGATE,
ERECTED 1849.



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SO. RYEGATE
ERECTED 1880.

Eli Perry, Treasurer; with Hugh Laughlin, Miss Mary Orr, James Esden, Dea. James Whitehill and William Whitelaw as managers. Its records show that sixty-three persons were members during that year, and \$35 was subscribed for the objects of the society. The title of their organization would seem to imply that conditions existed in Ryegate at that day which needed ameliorating, and such conditions may still exist. But we are informed by the constitution of the Society that the object was the amelioration of the condition of the Jews, although we are not informed that the Jews in Ryegate were in especially desperate circumstances at that date. It seems to have been auxiliary to a parent society, to which the funds were to be remitted. There is no record of proceedings after April 3d, 1826, by which we may suppose that the condition of the Jews in Ryegate needed no further ameliorating.

This society was, however, the local manifestation of a movement which was made about that time toward the amelioration of the condition of the Jews in Europe and their conversion to Christianity. A publication called "Israel's Advocate," had several subscribers among the members of the Association.

NOTE. After this chapter was printed the following concerning the building of the Walter Harvey Meeting House was discovered in the *North Star* for Jan. 18, 1831, by Herbert H. Roy of Barnet.

"NOTICE: It is proposed to build a framed Meeting House near the house of Walter Harvey in Barnet, to be 48 by 40 feet. Any person wishing to contract for the whole or any part of the building of the same, can see the plan and terms at the house of the aforesaid Walter Harvey any time until the 28th day of January, instant, at 11 o'clock, forenoon, at which time the job will be let. Offers to be made in writing.

WALTER HARVEY,	}	Directors.
WM. OLIVER,		
WM. HARVEY,		

Barnet, Jan. 7, 1831."

NOTE In addition to the elders and deacons of the Reformed Presbyterian church records discovers the following: Mr. Miller mentions William Orr as a "Covenanting elder," James Beattie was a deacon from a very early date till his death, Charles B. Hazen was ordained deacon Feb. 2, 1860, and elder Nov. 10, 1872, and at the latter date William Bane and Samuel W. Clark were made elders. In Jan., 1877, David Lang was ordained an elder, William Whitchell was also a deacon and seems to have been chosen in 1869, Duncan Ritchie and John Davidson were made elders Dec. 5, 1880.

CHAPTER XV.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS IN EARLY DAYS.

PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS.—CLOTH AND ITS MANUFACTURE.—LUMBER.—RIVER TRAFFIC.—TAVERNS.—STAGE AND POSTAL ROUTES.—PASSUMPSIC TURNPIKE.—THE BOSTON AND MONTREAL TURNPIKE.

THE conditions of life in Ryegate in the earlier days will be better understood if we learn what people received for what they had to sell; the prices they paid for what they must buy; what were the most profitable products of the farms; how, and at what cost these products went to market; the facilities and gradual improvement of the means of transportation both of merchandise and persons, and the transmission of intelligence.

We must remember that in those days there was little local demand for what the farmer had to sell; he might exchange, to a very limited extent, his potatoes, his wheat, or his butter, for the labor, in his own craft, of the blacksmith, the carpenter or the shoemaker, but there were only a very few articles for which cash was paid near home. In 1795, and for some years before and after, Col. Wm. Wallace advertised in Spooner's Vt. Journal that he would pay cash—hard money—at his store in Newbury, for furs, gensing root, pot and pearl ashes. These latter were commonly called "salts," and their manufacture has been discontinued so long that few are living who can tell how it was conducted. Yet the records of a boating company, which operated a century ago between Wells River and Hartford, show that a large part of its downward freight was pot and pearl ashes. They began to be made soon after the settlement of the town, and there was a steady demand for them, mainly for export.

We must also remember that for the first sixty years after settlement began there were few large towns in the country and those were widely apart, and the immediate vicinity of each could supply its demands.

Consequently the people found it for their advantage to raise such articles as were in demand for the export trade, then rapidly increasing. At that time, what are now the great grain producing states of the west, had not begun to be settled, and all the grain produced for export was drawn from a section of the country which now produces no wheat at all, and its raising was very profitable even in towns as remote from the seacoast as Ryegate. James Johnston paid for a farm with the wheat grown upon it in a single season.

During the wars of Napoleon wheat and flour were in such demand that four dollars a bushel was paid at Salem, then the great shipping port of New England.

The farmer usually went to market with his wheat and such other articles as pork, butter, lard, hides and the like, in winter when the roads were at their best, with a kind of sleigh called a "pung," of which a few survive. They were solidly constructed and had a marvelous capacity for storage.

With the opening of the western country, and the rise of the great manufacturing towns, the production of butter and cheese with the raising of cattle and sheep for market, completely superseded the raising of wheat.

Cloth, both linen and woolen, was in constant demand, and the settlers of Ryegate brought from Scotland some new ideas about their manufacture, especially the coloring of woolen yarn, which caused the cloth made here to be much sought after. Before the invention of the power loom and the spinning frame, everything in the process of converting a pound of wool into its equivalent in cloth was done by hand, and "fulled cloth," as the finished product of woolen goods for men's wear was called, brought, in 1810, from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per yard, and inferior cloth, or that requiring less skill in its manufacture, in proportion. Consequently it paid to work up into cloth all the wool produced on the farm, and thus employment was provided for all the family. Even a very little child could wind quills, the older girls were skillful spinners, the matrons plied the shuttle, and in many homes the spinning wheel and the loom were hardly silent from Monday morning till Saturday at e'en. Satinett, a kind of fancy cloth, made with cotton warp and woolen filling, brought from \$2.75 to \$3.25 per yard. A suit of clothes in those days cost much more than one does now, but its wearing quality was of a sort wholly unknown to the present generation. We have before spoken of the manufacture of tow and linen cloth. Some old account books show that at Haverhill Corner, in 1800, tow cloth brought about 37 cents per yard, while of linen the price paid varied from thirty cents to a dollar, according to its quality.

An account book of a store kept by Thomas Barstow, in 1814, in the "Franconia House" at Wells River, which appears to have been well patronized by Ryegate people, gives the cost of many articles in use at that time, and the prices paid for produce brought in for exchange. A careful study of its items makes one doubt if the common idea that a dollar would go further then than two dollars will go now, is strictly true. Mr. Barstow dealt in dry goods, groceries, drugs, books and ardent spirits—very much indeed of the latter.

The common price of calico was \$1.00 per yard, gingham and cotton cloth 56 cents, flannel \$1.00 per yard, and cotton yarn the same price by the pound. Tea was \$1.00 a pound, "loaf" sugar 44 cents, and brown sugar, and "sap sugar," 20 cents per pound, while molasses was \$1.67 per gallon. On the other hand, coffee was cheaper than now, as were boots and shoes, china and earthen ware. Nutmegs were a shilling, or 17 cts. each, a price which must have greatly stimulated their manufacture in Connecticut. Nails were 16 cts. per lb., much lower than formerly, as machine-made nails were beginning to compete with those made by hand. Coarse salt was \$2.25 per bushel, and raisins 50 cts. a pound.

The usual price for butter was 9d a pound, or 12½ cts., and for eggs a cent each in summer. There is no mention of any in winter. The prices of all articles are given in shillings and pence, and in dollars and cents as well. Forty years ago the older people "reckoned" in shillings and pence—six shillings to the dollar. The custom died with them, and to the present generation "four and six, half-penny," is as unintelligible as its corresponding designation in Choctaw.

Old account books of early days indicate that only a limited number of articles were kept by country stores. Indeed, but for the trade in ardent spirits, they could hardly have existed at all. In those days farmers produced nearly every article they used. The boots and shoes worn by the family were made from the hides of cattle slaughtered on the farm, converted into leather at the local tannery, and made up by the shoemaker, who traveled from farm to farm for the purpose. When people produced their own flour, their own meat, their own sugar, their clothing and foot wear, they were independent of the butcher, the baker, and the candlestick-maker.

There was a demand for lumber, but at prices which seem ridiculously small, and the fact that so much lumber was cut and sold at such low prices indicates the scarcity of money, when people were willing to work so hard for so little in return. Old growth pine, not now to be had at any price, sold for about \$5 per M., when sawed into lumber. Shingles were made by hand, and there were men who made a business of shaving shingles the year round, and these were in demand, both in the town and for export.

But for lumber, both in the log and manufactured, the only road to market was by way of the river. The late Hon. Charles B. Leslie of Wells River thus describes the manner of its transportation.

"The boats once used on Connecticut River would carry about twenty-five tons of merchandise, and they went down the river loaded with clapboards, shingles and the like, and brought back heavy goods like iron, salt, rum, molasses and sugar. These boats were made for the use of square sails, set in the middle of the boat. They had a crew of seven men to propel them up the river, six spike pole men who worked

three on each side, by placing one end of the pole on the river bottom, the other end against the boatman's shoulder, and walking back about half the length of the boat, pushing on the pole. The captain steered with a wide bladed oar at the rear. Rafts of lumber were made up here, to be piloted down the river to Hartford, Conn., in boxes sixty feet long and thirteen wide, just the right size to go through the locks at the falls on the river, singly. There was a saw mill at Dodge's Falls, where timber was sawed and floated down through the narrows to Ingalls eddy, where they put six boxes together, making what was called a 'division'."*

At the present time when the river is only used for the transportation of saw logs, it is hard to realize that before the railroad was built, a large commerce was carried upon it.

Wells River was the head of navigation, and from there, after canals were constructed around the falls, between here and tide-water, boats could pass to Hartford without breaking bulk, and the river traffic built up the village. The wharves and other landing places were where the freight depot grounds are now, and there were several boat builders, whose yards bordered on the river. Old people can remember seeing fifty loaded teams at a time, two, four and six horse teams, with produce of all kinds, from the north country, along the streets. Much of it was sent down the river, and two classes of boats called, respectively, "pine boats," and "oak boats," were in use. A mast, which could be lowered to pass under bridges, was attached to each, and the white sails rising above the farms, through which the river meanders, formed a picturesque feature in the landscape.

The pine boats, of which we have spoken, were not very substantially built, and were sometimes sold for lumber at the end of the trip. They had no cabin, the crew boarding on shore. In the middle of the boat the sides were raised to the height of a man's head, and covered with an awning, under which the freight was housed.

Oak boats were more substantially built, and were provided with a cabin, and bunks for the crew. It took about twenty-five days for a boat to go from Wells River to Hartford and return. In addition to the wages of the men, there was a charge of about \$4.00 per ton for tolls at the various canals. In 1823, seven dollars per ton was charged by a boating company from Concord via the Middlesex Canal to Boston, and ten dollars per ton from Boston to Concord.

These figures show why so many farmers went to market with their own produce—it was the cheapest way to get it there, and in good sleighing hundreds of teams from the north country, passed down the Merri-mac valley every day. It will be seen that it cost much more to bring goods here than it does now. In 1816, a merchant at Danville stated in the N. H. Patriot, that the freight on his merchandise cost him \$32 per

* History of Newbury, p. 156.

ton. Various schemes for improving the navigation of the Connecticut, by means of canals, and the construction of a canal from the Merrimack valley, occupied public attention for some years. In 1831, a steamboat, called the Adam Duncan, was built at Wells River, just above the mouth of the river of the same name. It was sixty feet in length, on the keel, with a breadth of twelve feet, the guards projecting over the sides to an entire width of nineteen and one-half feet. It drew twenty-two inches of water, cost \$4,700, and great things were expected of it, but it came to grief on the second trip. The year before a small steamboat came up to Wells River, intending to run to Barnet. It was taken through the "Narrows," but, even with the help of a crowd of men hauling at a long rope, it was unable to cross the bar. The boat went down the river, and never came back. In 1832, the steamboat company failed, and, soon after, people began to talk about railroads, on which it was thought that trains might run at the rate of six miles an hour, in good weather.

In those days, when people went to market with their own teams; when merchants kept teams of their own constantly on the road; when there were men engaged in teaming, the year round, with their own horses; in short, the "old stage times," taverns were frequent along the most traveled roads, and there were several in Ryegate on the "county road." Inn keepers were, in those days, men of good standing and wide acquaintance, who, owning good farms, provided for themselves a market for all they could raise. Of course each tavern had a bar, and ardent spirits were sold, the bar-room being the general resort of the neighborhood. Mr. Miller says that the first tavern in town was built by Dea. Andrew Brock, a little north of the brick house at the Corner, but he may have meant that it was the first house built for a tavern, Mr. Mason says that John Gray kept for some years the only tavern in town, the only one between Newbury and Canada.

In 1796, the town "approbated" for tavern keepers, Josiah Page, Esq., Andrew Brock, Samuel and Hugh Johnson, and Capt. John Gray. In 1797, Nathan Barker Page is first mentioned as an inn-keeper, Jabez Bigelow in 1798. In 1800, Alexander McDonald was, for the first time, "approbated" to keep a place of public entertainment, James Esden in 1803, Eri Chamberlin in 1805, Robert Brock in 1808, Nathaniel Smith in 1810. It appears that, a century ago, there were six taverns in Ryegate.

The earlier taverns were along the "county road," as the main road from Newbury to Danville was called. Until 1792, Orange county embraced all the state north of Windsor county, and east of the Green Mountains. In that year Caledonia County was organized, and Danville made the county seat, making it for many years the most important place between Haverhill and Canada, and the stage center for a large

section of country, so that most of the business and travel was along this road. There was no road along the river above Barnet till some years after the revolutionary war, but a road was made from the "Harvey tract," north of Harvey's Mountain, and the north end of the lake to the center of the town, thence down Joe's Brook to its junction with the Passumpsic, and afterwards extended up the river as settlements advanced. Consequently the Hazen road, as we prefer to call it, was the main highway of travel and business, numbers of loaded teams passed along it daily, and, according to old people, at one period, there were seven inns along that road in this town.

Mr. Miller says that the first tavern at the Corner was built by Dea. Andrew Brock, and its site is marked by its cellar, a little above the brick house and on the same side of the road. It was called the "Old Red House," and had a large patronage. In the course of years several barns and other outbuildings were added, which have long disappeared.

Mr. J. M. Goodwin, whose memory goes back to 1825, says that Samuel Peters kept that tavern during many years, succeeding Jabez Bigelow. After Peter's time it was let to William Morrill and Joshua Bailey, when it was burned.

The Morrill tavern stand was south of the Corner, under the great elm, of which there were formerly two. Josiah Page kept tavern there, as did his son, Nathan Barker Page. Ebenezer Morrill came there about 1820, and it was continued by him and his sons during many years. The Morrills were stage owners and mail contractors. Henry F. Slack also kept tavern at the Corner in the '40's and there must have been others whose names are not remembered. Robert Whitelaw kept tavern on his farm many years, only a depression in the ground is all that marks the site of the old stand.

A very interesting and valuable book could be written about stages, inns, post routes and post offices in this part of New England, in days before the railroad came, and the materials for such a work exist. But our narrative must confine itself to those facilities which were available to Ryegate people. It will be understood that in the early years, before 1800, the country was new, and the roads were bad at the best, and people traveled on foot and on horse back, so it was only the strong and vigorous who could travel at all, except, perhaps, in winter. People generally traveled with their own teams and it was not until about a century ago that roads were good enough for wheeled vehicles, and there began to be a class of people who were willing to pay for being carried from place to place. About 1809, Silas May, who was then the mail carrier between Concord and Haverhill, began to convey it in a wagon, and any chance passenger as well. When Rev. David Sutherland came to Bath in 1803, his diary says that they left New York City by stage on

Wednesday, spent Sunday in Hartford and reached Hanover on Wednesday, just a week on the road. Hanover was then, and for some years before and after, the head of stage navigation in the Connecticut valley.

The increase of population and wealth in this part of the country is indicated by the improvement of traveling facilities. Haverhill Corner became the great stage centre in this region, and Danville Green, as it was then called, a lesser one. It is not precisely known when the mail carrier between Newbury and Danville began to convey his mail in a wagon, in which he also took a chance traveler, or a bundle, or when that primitive conveyance was superseded by a stage route. In 1810, a line of stages between Boston and Quebec was in operation long enough for the proprietors to discover, to their cost, that they were ahead of the times. But it is certain that as early as 1817, a stage from Danville to Haverhill reached the latter place on Monday evening of each week. It seems strange that the "North Star," then published at Danville, gives us no information about the stage and mail affairs of the time. These old newspapers are invariably silent upon those topics in which we are most interested.

The traveler by the Danville stage in 1820 reached Haverhill Corner after dark on Thursday, resuming his journey at four o'clock in the morning, to reach Concord about six p. m., in the evening. Another long day's journey took him to Boston.

A graphic picture of old stage times in the north country about 1820 is given by the late Arthur Livermore in some "Recollections of Haverhill Corner," and which we cannot resist the temptation to reproduce.

"The eastern stage left Haverhill on Mondays and Fridays at four o'clock in the morning. Before that hour the driver went through the village to knock at the doors from which the passengers were booked, and with the butt of his great whipstock failed not to waken them, and many of the neighbors as well. But they all knew the cause of the din, and though not without neighborly interest in it, soon composed themselves to sleep again. The coaches used were sundry, of abnormal forms, tentative in the direction of utility and comeliness, rejecting experiments apparently, and therefore adapted to an enterprise which was claimed also an experiment exposed to like failure. But the managers were obliging toward their customers, were persevering and faithful, and so, in the distant end successful.

The coach, starting at four o'clock in the morning with the mail, no larger than could be easily carried upon the driver's arm, and tossed into its place where he seemed to keep it by sitting upon it, together with the passengers arrived at Morse's inn in Rumney for a breakfast that seemed late. After which it proceeded by Mayhew's turnpike and that part of Salisbury now called Franklin, to Concord, which it reached about six in the afternoon, unless retarded by adverse conditions of weather, spring and autumn mud, and the like. We were drawn at successive and interchangeable teams by Smart, May, and Houston.

Smart was accounted the best whip, and proud of the distinction, upset his coach, and was run away with by his horses more frequently than the rest. Col. Silas May was of serious demeanor like a deacon, but not otherwise remarkable, but, finally, to escape trouble in some forgotten form, ran off. But Houston witched the world by means of an immensely long tin horn, which announced the coming of the stage, as it were a band of music.

I shall not forget the gamut of that amazing instrument, the tramp of the four steaming horses, the rattle and creak of the coach, and the jingle of the chains and other gear as the man drove by us boys who had gone out on a summer's evening to meet it. We had been released from school, had our tea, and the cool and tranquil evening which disposed us often to that quiet pastime, took effect apparently with the older generation that failed not to be represented at the Grafton Hotel."

The fathers and grandfathers of many Ryegate people were passengers in these old coaches, under the care of these drivers, ninety years ago.

The first letter received by James Whitelaw, from Scotland, after his arrival in Ryegate, is thus addressed—

*Mr. James Whitelaw,
Land Surveyor in North America,
At Ryegate on Connecticut River,
To the care of Capt. Moses Little,
Merchant at Newbury Port,
To be forwarded to the care of Col. William Wallace,
Merchant at Newbury, Coos.*

During the revolutionary war, letters from Scotland were sent by way of Holland. Those from Ryegate to Scotland were sent from Newburyport as opportunity offered. Letters preserved indicate that about one-half of the former reached their destination, and about one-third of the latter. Letters were also sent from Scotland, by persons coming to join the colony. After the war, correspondence became more frequent, and was less interrupted.

Before the war, all letters were conveyed to this part of the country by private hands, as there were no post offices, or mail carriers, except along the sea coast. In 1776, a post rider was appointed by the Council of Safety to go from Portsmouth to Haverhill, once in two weeks, by way of Plymouth, and return by Hanover and Keene. This service was intended for the conveyance of military information, but the carrier, John Balch, who performed the service faithfully for seven years, was allowed to carry private letters for a small sum. This was the beginning of the postal service in this part of New England.

At that time, and for some years afterward, it took from three to five days for a letter to come here from Boston, and a week to come from New York. In 1807, it required eight weeks to bring a letter from Ohio. Postage upon letters was very high, a shilling, or 17 cents from Boston,

1s.6^d, or 25 cents, from New York. Few letters were prepaid, and men who held much correspondence by mail, often made a written agreement as to how the postage should be divided.

Comparatively few letters passed through the mail, most were sent by private hands, and a man going to any particular place, was expected to let people know before hand, that they might send letters by him. This was illegal, and stringent laws were enacted against the practice, but juries would not convict, and the government could not enforce its laws. About 1820, postage was reduced, so that the lowest rate was six cents; above thirty miles, ten cents, above eighty miles, ninepence, and so on, till letters going over 400 miles paid twenty-five cents. In 1846, postage was reduced to five cents for distances under 300 miles, and ten cents between places more distant. In 1800, and probably for many years afterward, letters from Scotland were prepaid to the American port of landing, and then forwarded, the postage for the balance of the journey being collected at its termination. Most of the letters from Scotland, which are preserved, seem to have been brought by private hands.

In 1785, a mail carrier was appointed by the state to travel from Brattleboro to Newbury once a week, receiving two pence, hard money, per mile, for the service. This route was discontinued north of Hanover in 1791, but one was established by the state of New Hampshire, which extended to Haverhill. In 1795, the federal government assumed control of the mail service, and established post offices at Haverhill and Newbury. The service was a weekly one, and the office at Haverhill was kept by Capt. Joseph Bliss, at his inn, where Dr. Leith now lives, and that at Newbury, by Col. Thomas Johnson, in his house at the Oxbow now the residence of Henry K. Heath.

On Sept. 1, 1799, a mail route went into operation between Newbury and Danville, once a week. Gen. James Whitelaw was the first postmaster in Ryegate, Samuel Goss at Peacham, and David Dunbar at Danville. It was not till 1810, that a post office route was established beyond Danville. Jacob Fowler was the first mail carrier. Robert Whitelaw succeeded his father as postmaster, and kept the office at his house. William Gray was the next incumbent, where G. G. Nelson now lives, and his successors were Alexander Harvey, George Cowles, Alexander Cochran and John A. McLam, all in the store at the Corner.

After the railroad was completed to St. Johnsbury the stage from Wells River to Danville was taken off, and the stage from Wells River to Groton went around by Ryegate Corner, and there was no office at Boltonville. In 1865, the latter office was re-opened, and the Ryegate mail was brought up from Boltonville for some years.

It took people some time to get adjusted to the new way of having a post office in their own town, as witness the following among the Johnson papers at Newbury, from the Ryegate minister:—

Mr. Johnson.

Sir: I have been astonished why my newspapers did not come forward regularly since I came here, as they came regularly in the other parts of the Union. I begin now to conceive it is because that when I did not know that the Post went further than Newbury, I directed them sent to the care of Mr. Wallace, as the place whence I could expect them most regularly. but as there is now a Post Office in this township, you will oblige me much if you send them forward to Mr. Whitelaw's until I shall be writing to Philadelphia, and I shall order them to be directed to myself. I expect, Sir, you will be so kind as to send them right forward by Mr. Fowler to me for the future and oblige your Humb'l. Serv't.,

WM. GIBSON.

Ryegate, July 18, 1800.

Newspaper postage was very high. In 1799, the postage on the *Portsmouth Chronicle* to Ryegate was \$1.75 per annum, on the *Connecticut Courant* 85 cents, and on the *Boston Centinel* \$1.50. In 1798, Col. Asa Porter of Haverhill paid \$2.60 postage on the *General Advertiser*, printed twice each week at Philadelphia. As late as 1817, Rev. Mr. Lambert of Newbury had to pay 78 cents postage on the *Boston Recorder*. The lowest rate of postage on newspapers was one cent on each copy, for distances less than 100 miles.

When it cost eight cents or more to send a letter, and only one cent to send a newspaper, people contrived to communicate with each other at small expense, by sending a paper in which letters and words were marked, which read consecutively, made sentences.

The first newspaper printed in this part of the Connecticut valley was the *Orange Nightingale and Newbury Morning Star*, which was published for a few months in 1796, by Nathaniel Coverly, Jr. No complete copy of a single number is known to be in existence, but part of a single number, for Aug. 25, is preserved. The enterprise was short-lived, and the type and fixtures were sold to Farley & Goss of Peacham, and used in the publication of the first paper in Caledonia County, called the "*Green Mountain Post*." This paper was also short-lived, and the materials were taken to Danville, and used in starting the "*North Star*," in 1804.

The postage on newspapers was so high that country editors found it for their advantage to have their papers distributed by private carriers, and the fragment of the Newbury paper, owned by the library at that place, contains the following notice:

NEW POST.

Phillip Rawlins proposes riding as Post thro the towns of Reigate, Barnet and Peacham, in each of which towns any person who wishes to

become a subscriber for the *Orange Nightingale* will be supplied at the moderate price of ten shillings per annum. In Duesburg, (Danville) Cabot, Walden and Hardwick at Twelve Shillings, and through Greensborough and Craftsborough for Fourteen Shillings per annum. Those persons who will please to favor him with their commissions may depend on having their business strictly attended to. Newbury, Aug. 25, 1796.

The last sentence means that the post rider also executed commissions, carried letters and parcels, and as this was three years before there was any post office or mail route north of Newbury, Phillip Rawlin's service, however brief, was the beginning of postal service in the north part of the state. For many years after its establishment the Danville *North Star* was distributed by carriers.

In the last decade of the 18th century the rapid development of the towns in the valley above Barnet demanded better facilities for transportation through that town and Ryegate, to the head of water navigation at Wells River. The unwillingness of both towns to tax themselves for the building and maintenance of expensive roads, mainly for the benefit of other towns, and the outcome of certain suits at law, for damages resulting from bad roads, led to the formation of the Passumpsic Turnpike Company, and the building of the Passumpsic Turnpike, an enterprise considered in its day almost as great as was the building of the Passumpsic Railroad, forty-five years later.

That was the age of turnpikes, enterprises which sought to provide a way of transportation at the expense of those who availed themselves of it.

The company was chartered by the General Assembly, in 1805, and consisted of James Whitelaw of Ryegate, Timothy Haseltine, Enos Stevens and Roman Fyler of Barnet, Azarias Williams of Lyndon, Luther Jewett and Joseph Lord of St. Johnsbury, Benjamin Porter and Asa Tenney of Newbury. They were given authority to construct and maintain the road, for which service they were to receive tolls for each person, animal, or vehicle, passing over it, and to maintain toll gates at which such tolls were to be collected.

Certain specified persons were exempt from toll—physicians, residents whose dwellings lay upon the road, persons on their way to or from church, grist or saw mill, or to do military duty. Later, residents of both towns were exempt from toll.

The charter was for a turnpike from the mouth of Wells River "as far as the house of Deacon Twaddle, in Barnet," and to be not less than 18 feet in width.

William Cahoon of Lyndon, Presbury West of St. Johnsbury, Joseph Armington of Waterford, James Whitelaw of Ryegate, and Thomas John-

son of Newbury, were the committee appointed to locate the road, which was surveyed by Andrew Lockie. The distance from Newbury line to Barnet line was seven miles, 121 rods, 15 links. The construction of the road began in 1807, near the mouth of Joe's brook in Barnet, and about a mile was constructed in that year. In 1808 the road was completed to the Ryegate line, when a special act of the legislature granted the privilege of taking half toll. Later the road was extended, a few miles at a time, to Wells River. It is understood that about \$26,000 was spent on the road at the outset, and, later, alterations costing about \$7,000 were made in Ryegate and Barnet. These alterations amounted to nearly seven miles, and the result was to give the region a better road than it had ever known before. Such portions of the roads already existing as could be utilized, were surrendered to the company, and new locations were made where they would be an improvement. Part of the road in Ryegate was built by James Beattie, and the huge wooden plow used in its construction is preserved in the Fairbanks Museum at St. Johnsbury.

Mr. A. J. Finlay gives the location of the turnpike in Ryegate thus: "It was the same as now traveled from Barnet village to the Ryegate line, north of the railroad crossing. It ran over the McIndoe hill by Hazen Burbank's log house, through the Moore farm, by a house owned by Mr. Moore, but not by the buildings where the Moores now live. It then ran by the McCole's, where Elmer Chamberlin now lives, then by the Pollard's, where Horace Chamberlin lives, then through the Gibson and Beattie farms (the latter now owned by Wm. J. Smith), passing the buildings some distance back from where they are now.

It then passed the Manchester buildings, through the Nelson farm, now owned by Charles M. Wallace, and then by the Henderson buildings on the farm now owned by Martin Gibson. It then passed by the place where the Page's now live, and by the brick house built and used as a tavern by Andrew Warden, where A. A. Miller has long lived; thence to Wells River."

Mr. James Gilfillan says that the first toll gate was on the Beattie farm, later moved to the place now owned by Martin Turner, between McIndoes and Barnet. After a time, and for the last time, it was located just south of Mr. Finlay's house at McIndoes. A small brick house stood there which was occupied by a Scotchman by name of Monteith, who wove stockings and took tolls.

The location of the other toll gates cannot be given. The rates of toll were changed from time to time, and it is not necessary to follow them.

James Whitelaw was the first clerk and treasurer, and after him Robert Whitelaw held the same offices. Several notices of assessments

upon the stock of the company are preserved, and later notices of dividends, which show that the enterprise did something more than pay expenses. Taverns were opened along the turnpike by Thomas Nelson and Andrew Warden, and perhaps others.

But turnpikes were never popular, and there was always more or less friction between the towns and the company. Ryegate and Barnet people considered that the road was managed for the benefit of people in the towns above them, while the latter seriously objected to paying tolls, and wanted a road built and maintained by the towns through which it passed. In 1824, on petition, a committee was appointed by the Supreme Court to lay out a new road from Wells River to Barnet line, which would be made and maintained by the town, a free road. Archibald Park was appointed to lay a remonstrance before the court. The towns having either to pay tolls on the turnpike, or build a new road, instructed the selectmen to make the best bargain they could with the turnpike corporation, desiring that Ryegate people should pass the gate free of toll, the town assisting in its maintenance. At the same time the town contrived to evade the building of the new road, and in 1826, Judge Cameron was appointed to appear before the legislature with counsel, and have the Supreme Court report set aside, and the selectmen made a compromise with the directors of the turnpike. The legislature authorized the purchase by the town of shares in the turnpike stock, and thus secured a voice in its management, and the freedom of the road to Ryegate people.

Some years later, a long and costly suit by the town of Barnet, to recover the cost of building about a mile of highway, upon which, after its completion, the turnpike company had been allowed to relay its own road, was decided against the town by the Supreme Court, reversing the decision of the lower courts. This tended to further increase the unpopularity of the turnpike.

Under an act of the legislature of 1839, John Armington and 321 others petitioned the Supreme Court, and a committee was appointed to lay out a public road through Ryegate and Barnet to Wells River, along the line of the turnpike, and the committee awarded the sum of \$4,000, to be paid the company, as the value of its franchise. Of this \$76.00 was to be paid by Newbury, \$2,094 by Ryegate, and \$1,830 by Barnet. Henry Stevens of Barnet, president of the company, brought suit to determine the constitutionality of the law, which, being established, the turnpike company ceased to exist.

The decision of the court expressed the situation in these words: "It cannot escape the observation of any one that the lapse of about half a century since the granting of the franchise must have made a considerable difference in the public worth, and the public claims to a free highway."

Another venture, which never got far beyond its organization, was the Boston & Montreal Turnpike Co., which was chartered in 1809, whose incorporators were William Chamberlin and Jonathan Elkins, of Peacham, Benjamin Porter, Asa Tenney and William Wallace of Newbury, Asa Porter of Haverhill, Micah Barron of Bradford, and Samuel C. Crafts of Craftsbury. The men behind this scheme were prominent business men, all the way from Boston to Montreal, who were interested in opening a stage line between these two cities, and the development of the intervening country. Several interesting letters respecting the road, the resources of the northern part of the state and the part of Canada between Montreal and Richford, are among the Johnson and Whitelaw papers. The survey line of the proposed road, by General Whitelaw, beginning at David Johnson's store at Newbury, and ending at Canada Line in Berkshire, now preserved at Montpelier, is valuable as giving the precise residence of many persons at that time in the northern part of the state, as well as showing the location of the Hazen Road, from which it only varies in short sections. The entire distance was 73 miles, and some of the intervening data are worth preserving. The distances are computed "from the corner at Mr. Clough's house" (where Mrs. Erastus Baldwin now lives) in Wells River village, and nine miles and a fraction brings it to Barnet line, "just beyond Hauhilan's Brook," $10\frac{3}{4}$ miles "to the corner near Peter Buchanan's," 14 miles to Peacham Corner "where the road from Chelsea to Danville crosses," 20 miles to Cabot line, $28\frac{1}{2}$ to Lamoille river in Hardwick, 37 to Craftsbury Common, 54 "to Hazen's Notch at the top in Westfield," from which 15 miles brought the road to Missisquoi river.

But troubles which preceded the breaking out of the war of 1812, the deaths of several who were prominent in the enterprise, together with several successive "bad years," caused its abandonment. In September, 1810, the town was indicted by the grand jury for failure to keep the Hazen Road in repair, and the town had to raise a special tax to meet the cost of the repairs ordered by the committee. In 1821, an act of the legislature declared the road from Wells River through the center of Ryegate, (the Hazen Road), to be part of a "Market Road" from Canada, and in 1824, on petition of some inhabitants of towns north of it, a committee was appointed by the court to alter the road in certain places, and assess one-half the cost upon the town.

Before the Passumpsic Turnpike Company passed out of existence people had for several years discussed the project of building a railroad up the Connecticut and Passumpsic valleys to Canada, and a charter was granted Nov. 10, 1835, for a railroad from Massachusetts line in the town of Vernon to Canada line in the town of Derby. No work was ever

done under that charter, which became void. A second charter was granted in 1843, under the name of "The Connecticut and Passumpsic Rivers Railroad," and the corporation was organized at Wells River, Jan. 15, 1846, with Erastus Fairbanks of St. Johnsbury as president. The road was completed for business to Wells River, Nov. 6, 1848, and with its opening a new era began for Ryegate and all the north country. The old and slow methods of travel, transportation, and the transmission of intelligence had passed. New York and Boston, only reached before by long and tedious journeys, were now only a day's ride away. The telegraph which soon followed brought tidings from far distant cities.

The change which had come was not perceived at once. It took people much time to adjust themselves to modern ways; meanwhile the change went on. The first locomotive whistle heard in the town was the signal for a new era, and changes, not always for the better, set in.

Work began on the railroad above Wells River, Dec. 17, 1849, trains began to run to McIndoes, Oct. 7, 1850, and the road was completed to St. Johnsbury on the 23rd of November in that year.

The present Montpelier and Wells River Railroad was chartered in 1867, work was begun upon it in the summer of 1871, and it was completed to Montpelier in 1873. The subsequent history of the railroad is not a part of the annals of the town.

CHAPTER XVI.

EDUCATION.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN SCOTLAND.—SCHOOLMASTERS.—THE COMMON SCHOOL SYSTEM IN NEW ENGLAND.—EARLY TEACHERS IN RYEGATE.—MR. MILLER'S EXPERIENCE.—OTHER FACTORS IN EDUCATION.—LOCATION OF SCHOOL-HOUSES. STATISTICS.—COLLEGE GRADUATES WHO WERE NATIVES OF RYEGATE.

FOR the beginning of education in Ryegate we must look far beyond the town itself, and inquire concerning the origin and development of the public school system in Scotland, the manner in which that system was conducted, and the relation of the schools to the religious history of the country.

The first settlers of Ryegate were men of superior intelligence, as were the class from which they came in Scotland. As evidence of this the editor of this volume may say that in the course of its preparation he has read scores of letters written on both sides of the Atlantic between 1772 and 1815, by many persons, and has rarely found a misspelled word or an ungrammatical sentence. They were able to express themselves clearly and concisely on any subject. In this respect they were superior to the first settlers of the towns around them which were settled from the older towns in New England. It does not follow from this that they were, intellectually, their superiors, but that their earlier advantages had been greater. It must be remembered, also, that the public institutions of Scotland were long and firmly established, while in New England, at the time Ryegate was settled, the country was new, the people were engaged in subduing the wilderness, and had just emerged from a long and costly war.

The school system of Scotland may be said to have begun with the introduction of Presbyterianism into that country, and schools were established in many parishes before the end of the 16th century. But it was not till nearly one hundred years later that a school system, sup-

NOTE. The authorities for the local part of this chapter are Mr. Miller's notes and published articles, the town and district school records, statistics collected by Mr. Gilfillan, and personal information.

ported by taxation, was made general throughout the country. In the autumn of 1696 the Estates of Scotland passed the "Act for the Settling of Schools."

"It was statuted and ordained," says Macaulay, "that every parish "in the realm should provide a commodious school house, and should "pay a moderate stipend to a schoolmaster. The effect could not be "immediately felt. But before one generation had passed away it began "to be evident that the common people of Scotland were superior in "intelligence to the common people of any other country in Europe. To "whatever land the Scotchman might wander, to whatever calling he "might betake himself, in America or in India, the advantages which he "derived from his early training, raised him above his competitors. If he "was taken into a ware-house as a porter, he soon became a foreman. "If he enlisted in the army, he soon became a sergeant. Scotland, mean- "while, in spite of the barrenness of her soil and the severity of her "climate, made such progress in agriculture, in manufactures, in com- "merce, in letters, in all that constitutes civilization, as the Old World "had never equalled, and as even the New World has scarcely surpassed."

Very much of this progress must be attributed to the high character and attainments of the schoolmasters in Scotland in the 18th century. They were, generally, graduates from the universities, who made teaching a life work, and spent their entire lives, from youth to old age, in instructing the boys of a single parish, teaching the urchins their letters, and in the course of time, thoroughly fitting the most promising for the university. Next to the minister, the schoolmaster was the principal man in the parish. Very likely he would be qualified to "take the pulpit" in the minister's absence. He was almost certain to be an elder in the congregation, and, if he held a musical gift, the precentor, a man of great authority in the churches of Scotland. Allan Ramsay thus speaks of one—

"The letter-gae of haly rhyme,
He sat at the board's head,
Aud a' he did was thoct a crime,
To contradict indeed."

But their stipends were meagre. Even as late as 1813, the salary of the schoolmaster at Inchinnan was only £16, 13s, 4d, or, including fees and rent, £40 a year. Their attainments were extensive, and many a one of them understood Latin and Greek as well as his mother tongue. They were impatient of dullness or idleness, and the progress of the pupil along the paths of knowledge was apt to be hastened by inducements of a very substantial character.

Letters are preserved in Ryegate and Barnet which some of the first settlers received from their old masters in Scotland, which evince an intense interest in their welfare, and a hope that they "kept up their studies." There were a few men in both towns who, despite all the privations of pioneer life, kept up their acquaintance with the classics.

In the New England colonies the common school system is older than that of Scotland. In 1634 the delegates of the Massachusetts Bay Colony passed their ever memorable resolution—"To the End that "Religion and Morality be not buried in the Grave of our Fathers, it is "hereby ordered that when the Lord hath increased any Plantation to "the Number of Twenty Families they shall hire a Master and set up a "School, and when the Number is increased to Forty Families they shall "set up a Grammar School." "The result was," says Green, the English historian, "that in New England alone, of all the countries in the world, every man and woman could read and write." That this was generally the case is indisputable. But in the struggle for existence, in which most of the people of New England were then engaged, there must have been many who had never been able to secure even this beginning of education.

It is certain also that the children of the colonists who were born or reared in Ryegate had to be content with fewer attainments than their fathers.

Mr. Miller says that the first public school in this town was kept by Jonathan Powers of Newbury, in General Whitelaw's house, but does not give the date. Mr. Powers was a son of the Newbury minister, graduated at Dartmouth in 1790, and died while minister at Penobscot, Maine. It will be evident that with people scattered all the way from the Gray farm to Connecticut river, in small clearings connected by rude paths among the woods, it must have been hard to get children together. That a school was kept at all, is evidence of the desire of the people to do the best they could by their children.

Who were the immediate successors of Mr. Powers we do not know, but the few actions of the town referring to schools, show that something was done. But beyond such teaching as the parents could give at home, very little could have been done in the way of instruction for the first years.

Mr. Mason says that in 1798, Mr. William Boyle, a learned Scotchman, came to Ryegate, and taught school with great success, and also says that later this gentleman opened a school for the benefit of young men who intended to teach school, and that all his pupils became excellent teachers. This would seem to have been one of the first attempts at normal education in Vermont.

But who was this Mr. Boyle? I find no mention of him elsewhere.

But in letters written to Gen. Whitelaw, twelve years later by Rev. William Forsythe, while preaching in Nova Scotia, he adverts with pleasure to the accounts which had reached him of the success of his former pupils here. As Mr. Forsythe certainly taught school while preaching here in 1798, and afterward became a very successful teacher in Nova Scotia, it seems plain that Mr. Mason, writing sixty years afterward, was not correctly informed as to the name.

A man who did such solid work should not have been forgotten here. A letter written by Robert Hyslop of New York City to Gen. Whitelaw in March, 1798, speaks of Mr. Forsythe as a native of Dumfries, and educated at Glasgow University. He would have been a young man in Dumfries during the last years of Robert Burns.

It is very hard to obtain all the particulars which we would like to have regarding schools so long ago, and even Mr. Miller, writing thirty years since, confessed his inability to obtain all he desired to know concerning them. The discovery of some letters and records not known to him gives us a few facts. It is certain that the Ryegate schools were as good as those of any town in this vicinity a century ago. The people provided only what they were able to pay for, and they certainly received more than their money's worth.

Schoolmasters were invariably employed as teachers, both summer and winter, until about 1802. "People did not think," says Mr. Miller, "that a woman could teach school any more than she could mow or chop wood." But about that time Abigail Whitelaw succeeded in persuading the committee to let her try her hand at teaching, much against their conviction. But she settled the question beyond all future cavil, and after that school mistresses were generally employed in summer.

A small manuscript volume containing the proceedings of school meetings in the "Middle district," from 1809 to 1847, whose successive clerks were James Dunsyre, John Page, William Gray and George Cowles, conveys much information about the schools of that period.

The middle district seems to have had about the same territory as at present, but was a little larger, embracing part of what is now called the Hall district. In the year 1810, there were 108 scholars between the ages of 4 and 18.

The summer school for 1810 began about the middle of May, and was taught four months of six days in each week for \$16, by Abigail Chamberlin. The board was "according to the scholar." There seems to have been about 60 pupils. The winter following was taught by John Gibson for \$14 per month. It was voted—"That every person that sends to School shall for every Scholar they send find one-half a cord of good wood ready cut for the fire."

There does not appear to have been any Superintendent or other official chosen by the town, but in Dec., 1811, it was voted that Messrs. Andrew Millar, Rev. Wm. Gibson and John Cameron should be a committee to visit the school and examine the scholars.

In the summer of 1812, Ann Wallace, who became Mrs. Wm. Brock of Newbury, taught the school for the same wages. In the summer of 1813, the same teacher taught the school at an advance of fifty cents over her former salary. In 1814, John Page—called *Lame John*—taught the summer school for \$10 per month, boarding himself. He was the schoolmaster for several years, and his meager salary was not always paid in cash, but partly in grain or other produce. For the winter term of 1822-3 the teacher's board was bid off by John Hall for 7/6 (\$1.20) per week.

In 1829 the district voted to build a new schoolhouse of brick on the site of the old one, and voted to raise \$300 for the purpose, \$125 to be paid in cash, and the balance in grain. The house was built in the next year. It is probable that the schools were conducted and paid in all the districts in town at about the same rate. From 1815 to 1830, the teachers board was set up at auction, and bid off for about 87 cents per week, the teacher to receive that amount if he boarded himself.

The schoolmasters of those days certainly earned their pay. The school at the Corner was the largest in town, and in winter often 100 pupils were crowded into the schoolroom. How the master could keep order, or, keeping order have time for anything else, we fail to comprehend. The want of uniformity in text-books then, and for half a century later, was a great disadvantage. Books were few and hard to get; pupils brought to school such books as they had, and the master grouped into classes those who had the same books. Mr. Goodwin says that there were always several kinds of arithmetics, with classes in each, and the same with other books. Often there was only one pupil who had a particular reading book or geography, and the master had to find time to hear him recite his lesson singly. One afternoon of each week was devoted to instruction in penmanship, in which more than half the master's time was taken up in mending the pens of the pupils. Steel pens were not in those days, all writing was done with the quill, and it was indispensable that the master should be skilled in their preparation. He might be weak in arithmetic, all at sea in geography, blundering in grammar and yet be forgiven, but inability to make a good pen stamped him a failure. It is now almost a lost art, yet nothing can surpass a well made quill pen for elegant handwriting.

Mr. Miller's first experience as a schoolmaster at South Ryegate in the winter of 1844-'5 was, probably, little different from that of any

other master in those days, and for half a century before. He taught three months of 26 days each for \$10 per month, boarding with his pupils in proportion as each family sent, the fuel being furnished in the same manner. "There were 35 pupils. I had six young men among my scholars larger than myself, and three about my size. I had no fewer than twelve different reading classes, from the highest down to those just learning to read. One boy's reading book was Huntington's Geography, another read from the 'History of Coos.' There were three different kinds of spelling books in use, two kinds of arithmetics, and three kinds of geographies. I boarded at thirteen different places and found them all good ones. There was a farmer in that neighborhood who had scales, a pair of balances with five stones for weights. On those scales I weighed 179 lbs., while Fairbanks scales declined to allow me quite 160 lbs."

The district records which we have cited show that just a century ago, in the summer of 1810, the district voted "to recommend to the school committee to hire a woman for four months to keep school the ensuing summer, beginning about the middle of May." As we have seen her wages were \$16 for the whole term.

Mr. Miller mentions by name several young men who were successful teachers in the "middle district," and adds that so far as he knew all of them were successful in after life. We should suppose that any young man who could teach 100 children and young people in one of the small, rude, unventilated schoolhouses of that day, would succeed in almost anything. John Page, commonly called "Lame John," taught that school several years with marked success. He was one of Mr. Forsythe's pupils. Mr. Page began to teach about 1800, and was still at his post when Merrill Goodwin, who has died while this chapter was undergoing its final revision, was old enough to go to school, about 1825. He went on crutches, and sometimes used them for the castigation of refractory pupils. Another master, long remembered, was Alfred Stevens, afterward a D. D., and for more than forty years the honored pastor of the Congregational church at Westminster West.

It is very easy for us to say that such schools were little better than none at all, and point with complacency to our modern apparatus of instruction. But it is safe to say that our modern school system, with all its complicated machinery of education will not turn out better or more useful men and women than went out into the world over the thresholds of those old schoolhouses. Greater lessons were taught under those roofs than were learned from Adams' Arithmetic, Morse's Geography or Webster's Spelling Book. Learning in a visible form, plain indeed and humble, was set before children, at a time when their minds were most susceptible to influence and most receptive.

The town was entirely in one school district till 1795, when it was voted "to divide the town into two school districts by a straight line drawn from the head of the pond to the place where the river road crosses the line between the north and south divisions of the town." There would seem to have been another district formed before 1800, as in that year the "west and north districts" reported 98 scholars between 4 and 18 years of age.

In 1800 the town was divided into five school districts which were called the North, the Northwest, the Southeast, the Middle, and the Southwest districts. The first and second of these were in the north division. In 1811, a district was formed out of the central portion of the north division, and in 1820 the Gibson District was organized. In 1821, after much opposition and a compromise, a district was formed at Craig's Mills, now South Ryegate.

Mr. Goodwin was told that the first school at the Corner, the Middle District, was kept in Andrew Brock's house, and the next in a log house which had been used as a dwelling. The first schoolhouse stood where the Grange hall now stands. The second, of brick, built on the same site in 1828, seems to have been unsatisfactory to many, as in 1846, a vote at the annual meeting to build a new schoolhouse, was rescinded at a special meeting a week later. In 1840, part of the people wanted the school divided, but the proposition to obtain new quarters for the advanced pupils was voted down. About 1850 a new house was built on that site which was in use until the erection of the present building.

In 1899 land for a new schoolhouse and ample yard for a play ground was bought of John Gibson, and a new house was erected and furnished at a total cost of \$2,884. A. E. Lowe was the contractor and builder, and the completed house was decided by the state superintendent of education, as the best two-room schoolhouse in the state. Photographs of this house were exhibited at the World's Fair in Paris by the state.

Mr. Goodwin remembered as teachers there in his youth: John Franklin, who afterward became a physician of note; John Bigelow and Daniel Symes of Ryegate; Albert Spear, Wooster Sawyer, Adna Newton, Julia Spear and Jane Tucker of Newbury; Ann Barnet and Salome Stevens of Barnet.

No. 2, the McLam District, was formed in 1811, and the first schoolhouse stood on the west side of the road a little south of where Colin McDonald lives. In 1860, it was moved to the present site, and a new house later built. This district has suffered greatly from the changes in population. In 1870 there were 30 scholars, and one deserted farm.

Now there is but one scholar, nine houses abandoned of their tenants, and its comely schoolhouse stands tenantless before the noble grove of maples which crowns the hillside behind it.

In the Park—formerly called the Milligan District (No. 3)—there have been two schoolhouses, the earlier one being about a half mile farther south.

District No. 4, formerly extended along the river road from Newbury line to Barnet line, and was organized March 15, 1814, having ten families and 30 scholars.

A new schoolhouse was built in 1867. In 1851 the district was divided, and a schoolhouse built half a mile below the falls on the river road, which, in 1908, was moved to East Ryegate. This is District No. 10.

In No. 5, the Whitelaw District, there have been two school houses. The first was about half a mile nearer Wells River, on the Bigelow place. An early teacher was Jane Johnston, a sister of Mrs. Gen. Whitelaw. She wrote several tracts and small books, among them a biography of a little boy, a son of Joseph Ricker, a copy of which, although remembered by old people, cannot be discovered.

In the northwest part of the town, No. 6, there have been three schoolhouses. The first stood, says Mr. John Gates, on the extreme northwest corner of Lot No. 3, in the 4th range, known as the Holmes place, and the second house was on the west side of the road, opposite the first site. The present building is where the road from South Ryegate to Peacham crosses that from Groton to Barnet. An early schoolmaster in that district was Flavel Bailey of Peacham, a noted teacher in his time. Later school masters were a Mr. Howe, Jacob Trussell of Peacham, Hugh and Edward Miller, Amaziah Ricker and others.

The schoolhouse in No. 7 known as the Gibson District, organized Nov. 23, 1820, stood at the gate where the road leading to "Rock Rob," Gibson's, now James Liddle's, turns off. It was moved to its present site in 1856.

At South Ryegate, No. 8, a log schoolhouse which was built about 1821, was burned, and was succeeded by another, also of logs, on the same site on a knoll near Mrs. John R. McAllister's house. Mr. Miller was in one of them about 1835. "It had a row of writing desks around the walls of the house, with loose movable benches made of slabs with the flat side up. Donald Cameron was the teacher that winter." The schoolhouse in which Mr. Miller taught was what was then called a "plank" house (with walls of plank) twenty feet square, and stood where the quarry road now turns from the main road. The house now occupied by Luther Crow was a schoolhouse before 1888, and stands on



SCHOOL BUILDING AT SOUTH RYEGATE.
ERECTED 1882.



SCHOOL HOUSE NO. 9.
ERECTED 1874.

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the site of a former one, which was probably the one in which Mr. Miller taught. There were only five houses where the village stands, and there were five log houses in the district. The present school building at South Ryegate was erected in 1888 at a cost of \$2,800. In 1907 another story was added, costing about \$1,000.

District No. 9, often called the Miller District, was organized in 1840, with eight families and 28 scholars, of whom Edward Miller, Sen , had nine. The first schoolhouse was a little further west, and on the other side of the road from the present one, built in 1874. The first school was taught by Ann Cameron for five shillings (83 1-3 cts.) per week. The first three terms of school were taught in the kitchen of the old Craig house.

The population of the town with the number of heads of families and the children of school age at each census is as follows:

CENSUS OF	POPULATION	HEADS OF FAMILIES	SCHOLARS
1800	406		
1810	812	81	263
1820	994	121	420
1830	1119	138	456
1840	1223	151	488
1850*	1606	148	399
1860	1098	164	359
1870	1035	180	280
1880	1047	218	247
1890	1126	221	242
1900	995	224	206
1910			223

One thing must be kept in mind that the law regulating "school age" has been several times altered. In 1800 and for some decades after, "school age" was from four to 18. The term has been gradually contracted till it is now from five to 18, which will account for part of the decreased number of scholars.

The records of District No. 1, show that a century ago the teacher was chosen by vote at school meeting. Later, candidates for the office were invited to appear at school meeting. About 1815 it began to be the custom "to leave the choice of master or mistress with the committee."

There seems to have been no legal supervision of schools, and no superintendent was chosen till about 1831. A few years later the custom fell into disuse, and was not revived till about 1846. Since then

* In the census of 1850 about 400 persons who were working on the railroad with their families were included leaving the real population about 1200.

there has been supervision. In old times the ministers used to look after the schools. In Barret it was Rev. David Goodwillie's custom to visit all the schools at least twice in each year. Mr. Goodwin remembered that Rev. Mr. Milligan visited the schools regularly, as did Rev. Mr. Pringle. There seems to have been no examination required by law of teachers till about 1850.

By a law passed in 1892, the school district system was superseded by the "town system," through whose operation all the schools in town were placed under the supervision of three directors. The change was attended by some added expense. Thirty weeks of school were held in each district in which a school was maintained. The total expenses for schools the first year were \$2,449.

By a law enacted in 1906, a number of towns were permitted to unite, and elect a superintendent who should give all his time in expert supervision of schools. After considerable hesitation the directors decided to join with Newbury, Groton and Topsham in a union known as the "Connecticut and Wells River District." Mr. John S. Gilman of Newbury, a graduate of Dartmouth, was elected superintendent at a salary of \$1,200, of which \$1,000 was paid by the state, the balance and necessary expenses being paid by the towns in proportion to their grand list. Mr. Gilman was re-elected in 1908, and 1909, but resigned before the end of the year to take a similar position at Lisbon, N. H. Mr. Waldo H. Glover of Massachusetts, a native of Groton, was chosen his successor. In this year Topsham withdrew from the union and Bradford came in. Under Mr. Gilman's supervision the schools were graded, and all working in union. The expense is greater, and, while somewhat of an experiment, it is believed that the results will be satisfactory.

There has never been a high school or an academy in Ryegate, and those in search of a higher education have had to go elsewhere. Peacham and McIndoes Academies have drawn many, and the superior advantages of St. Johnsbury Academy have attracted an increasing number of late years. An examination of the catalogues of Newbury Seminary from 1840 to 1860, shows that an average of about 12 students from Ryegate attended that institution in each year.

There have, however, been private schools in town. Mr. Gibson gave lessons to private pupils, as did Mr. Milligan, and Mr. Goodwin remembered the latter teaching a select school, probably about 1828, in the old meeting house. Abigail Whitelaw taught a select school before and after her marriage. Her advertisement appears several times in Spooner's Vermont Journal for 1813, by which she undertakes to teach 15 or 20 pupils for \$15 per quarter.

When we contrast the wages paid to teachers in early days with those paid at present, we must bear in mind that not much was expected of teachers then, consequently a less expensive preparation was required; they were not compelled to pass a rigid examination, and compared with the wages received for all kinds of employment the pay was not so low as it would seem.

It is not claimed that the following list of college graduates who were natives of Ryegate is complete, but embraces all who can be found.

COLLEGE GRADUATES* WHO WERE NATIVES OF RYEGATE.

Cora A. Brock,	Middlebury, 1896,	Teacher.
John S. Cameron,	Dartmouth, 1863,	Civil Engineer.
Theresa J. Cochran,	Smith, 1903.	
Edward Cowles,	Dartmouth, 1859.	
Marion C. Flagg,	Boston University,	Teacher.
James M. Dickson,	Dartmouth, 1853,	Clergyman.
William G. Ricker,	Yale,	Physician.
William J. Gibson,	Duquesne,	Clergyman.
John Gibson,	Union, 1852,	Clergyman.
Charles E. Gibson,	Dartmouth, 1910.	
John C. Gray,	Dartmouth, 1878,	Teacher.
Ernest N. McColl,	Vermont University, 1901,	Civil Engineer.
May Belle McLam,	Boston University, 1897,	Teacher.
Alexander M. M. McLam,	Geneva, 1909.	
Grace R. McLam,	Smith, 1910.	
Lewis H. Meader,	Dartmouth, 1878,	Teacher.
Alexander M. Milligan,	Duquesne, 1843,	Clergyman.
John C. K. Milligan,	West. Univ. of Pa., 1848,	Clergyman.
J. S. T. Milligan,	Geneva, O., 1852,	Clergyman.
Edward S. Miller,	Dartmouth, 1893,	Dentist.
Harry M. Nelson,	Cornell, 1908,	Civil Engineer.
John E. Nelson,	Cornell, 1910.	
Andrew J. Park,	N. Y. University, 1863,	Clergyman.
Henry N. Pringle,	Dartmouth, 1890,	Clergyman,
Nelson P. Pringle,	Dartmouth, 1897,	Clergyman.
Albert R. Savage,	Dartmouth, 1871,	Lawyer.
John C. Stewart,	Dartmouth, 1873,	Physician.
John H. Symes,	Dartmouth, 1830,	Clergyman.

* This list does not include graduates of medical, business, or other colleges for special professions, but only those who have taken a full classical course.

CHAPTER XVII.

EDUCATION, AND OTHER MATTERS.

FACTORS IN EDUCATION.—CEMETERIES.—CARE OF THE POOR.—TEMPERANCE.

IN the preceding chapter we have considered the public schools of Ryegate and their effect upon the successive generations of its inhabitants, with the change and development of the school system. But there were other factors in education which remain to be considered. The class of men who were prominent and influential in town from 1800 or about that time, down to the close of the civil war were men who owed little of the intelligence and shrewdness which they certainly had to either schools or schoolmasters. We speak here of the men born or reared in Ryegate, whose minds were formed under other influences than the men of our time, who had reached maturity, and acquired fixed habits of thought before the era of railroads, telegraphs, the daily newspaper, and that knowledge of the world which improved traveling facilities invites.

If we study the lives of the men who were prominent in this town seventy years ago, and for many years before and after, we find them men of superior intelligence and well informed upon many subjects wholly outside their round of personal experience. The Nelsons, the Gibsons, the Parks, the Whitehills and their contemporaries in the earlier half of the last century, selectmen in the town and elders in the church, were men widely known and respected, and it would not be easy to find their equals among their numerous descendants. Yet all they owed to schools was derived from a few weeks or months attendance in winter, when work was slack. The rest of the year they were hard at work, and the exigences of farm life developed a facility of handicraft which almost seems to have passed away with them. There were many men in Ryegate in those days who could make a pair of shoes or lay up a chimney, could make a wheel or shoe a horse, and turn their hands to almost any task. These men were well informed upon the events of the time, and if a few developed eccentricities they were often along lines which later comers followed to success.

When sent to the legislature, such men, although seldom heard in debate, were relied upon for their sagacity, clear business judgment and

"hard Scotch sense." In these particulars they were not different from the men of their day. In 1830 Charles Thompson visited this country and attended a session of the legislature at Montpelier. He afterwards declared that he had never heard, in Congress or Parliament, arguments more direct, clear and concise, delivered in excellent English, and expressed both surprise and admiration when informed that of those legislators only a few had received a liberal education, most had only what the district school furnished, and some had not received even that. Will our present system of education, with its tendency to train boys for anything but work with the hands produce better or abler men?

We may well inquire from whence men of that day in the absence of much which we term advantages, derived their superior ability. To answer that question will not lead us far. They owed much to inheritance, and more to association. The greatest factor in a child's education is its constant association with intelligent and well informed people. Another which went far was the habit of reading. Most of the emigrants from Scotland brought with them a few books, mainly religious works. Not the kind which pass under that head today, but solid treatises in which theology and metaphysics were about equally mingled. The managers of the company in Scotland were solicitous for the mental welfare of the colonists, and in 1785 among some merchandise sent to Ryegate, Rev. Walter Young of of Erskine included a package of books with a letter expressing the hope that they would be well read.

Among the purchases made by Mr. Whitelaw, at Newburyport in February, 1774, were books to the amount of £3. 5s. 1d. and a map of New England. As the books were for common use of the colonists, Ryegate may claim to have had the first circulating library in this state. He also subscribed for the *Salem Gazette*, then, as now, an able newspaper.

Another factor in the training of young people was the instruction they received on the Sabbath. In early days the ministers of Ryegate and Barnet were the only men who had received a university training. It was a liberal education to sit Sabbath after Sabbath in attentive reverence to the preaching of such men as Rev. James Milligan, and Rev. David Goodwillie, their contemporaries and successors. The latter was one of the most learned men of his time and his son and successor had the advantage over all the other ministers in this vicinity of a year's travel in Europe. The treasures of their liberal minds were generously distributed among their people.

Another factor, perhaps the most important of all, was the thorough training which the Scotch Presbyterians of those days gave their children

in the Westminster Assembly's Shorter Catechism, in itself a body of logic and divinity. Whatever else they learned or did not learn, they were expected to learn that, thoroughly. We may question if the young men of our day are as well trained for the battle of life as their fathers and grandfathers who worked hard most of the year and studied hard a few winter months.

CEMETERIES.

The oldest burying ground in Ryegate, often called "The Old Scotch Cemetery," is on William T. McLam's farm, on the east side of the "common" land, and round about the grave of Andrew Smith, whose death and burial are recorded in an earlier chapter. It lies about a quarter of a mile southeast of the farm buildings, and as surveyed, contains about two acres. At the time this site was selected as a burying place it was expected that a future city would occupy the long slope of the hill, and the level stretch of upland, but as the centre of population shifted to the northward, the spot was abandoned for a more convenient one, and although once fenced, has been for many years in a state of utter neglect. A list prepared long ago by Nancy Brock is believed to include nearly all the tenants of this secluded spot and is as follows: Andrew Smith, John Hyndman and wife, Patrick Lang and wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Carrick, Mrs. McFarland, Duncan McFarland, Hannah (Davis), the first wife of James Nelson, Janet (Montgomery), his second wife, Daniel Hunt and wife, Janet, daughter of Wm. Nelson, Polly, daughter of John Orr, infant child of John Scott, infant child of Hugh Gardner, infant child of James McKinley, infant child of Willoughby Goodwin. There are believed to be several others, but none of the graves are marked, and the precise location of any one of them is unknown. Daniel Hunt was a revolutionary soldier and the only one buried here. The remains of the first wife of General Whitelaw were, after many years, removed to the cemetery at the Corner. The neglected condition of this ancient burial ground calls for attention.

The cemetery at the Corner is next in age. Margaret, daughter of Dea. Andrew Brock having died in 1794, was buried on her father's farm, and in the course of a few years about twenty graves were made near hers, before the land was set apart for a burying ground. At a town meeting held Sept. 4, 1798 a committee was chosen "to treat with Mr. Brock about buying land for a grave yard." His price which was \$60 for the two acres, was thought too high, and the town voted not to accept it. But an article inserted in the warning for March meeting in 1801, "To see if the town will accept Andrew Brock's offer of a burying



FAIRVIEW. RESIDENCE OF W. T. McLAM.

ground," would seem to imply that he had made a more liberal one. There is no record of the town's action, but the land has ever since been used as a cemetery.

This part of the enclosure contains 168 square rods, about one-half of which is too rocky for use. It was first fenced in 1833, by subscription. The lots are not regularly laid out and are without paths or avenues to separate them.

This part of the cemetery being directly opposite the site of the old meeting house is often spoken of as the "Old Churchyard." Mr. Miller, in 1880, counted 258 marked graves, and 81 not marked. He estimated that there were at least 60 lost graves, making about 400 at that time. The "Blue Mountain Cemetery Association" was formed June 20, 1860, and purchased of George Cowles a piece of land containing 152 square rods, adjoining the old cemetery on the south, which they divided into 52 lots, with proper roads and avenues. In 1884 there had been 84 burials in the "new" or Blue Mountain cemetery. This association does not now exist. An addition of 36 lots was made about 1898 and a further one in 1909 of 27 lots by purchase of land from Wm. Thompson.

This cemetery contains more graves than all the others in town together, and the different monuments evince the changes of mortuary fashion for a century and more. The oldest tomb-stones, with one exception, were prepared by Samuel Ingalls who engraved a death's head on some of them. One of the oldest stones, that to the first wife of Gen. Whitelaw, was made by a Mr. Risley at Hanover and the inscription is as clear and distinct as when first engraved.

The third cemetery to be occupied is on A. M. Whitelaw's farm and is called the "Whitelaw cemetery," although none of that family were ever buried in it. The first burial there was that of Elihu Johnson in 1811, and the last was James Taylor, who died in 1834. This graveyard which is just half way between Wells River and Ryegate Corner, is a few rods from the road, near the "old cider mill," and contains 30 or 40 graves. The graves of Er. Chamberlin and his wife are the only ones that were ever marked. Elihu Johnson and Er. Chamberlin who were revolutionary soldiers, and John Sly who served as a privateer are buried here.

The fourth or West cemetery is on the road from South Ryegate to Peacham; a few rods south of the line between the north and south divisions of the town, and half way from the Newbury line to the Barnet line. This cemetery was taken from the farms of James and Robert Hall, and contains 66 square rods. The first burial was in 1820. "In the extreme northwest corner is the unmarked grave of Mary Dunn, a beau-

tiful and intelligent girl, who, in grief and despair, took her own life in 1825, on the farm of her uncle, Daniel Wormwood. The most convenient and proper place for her last resting place was the Old Churchyard. But on account of the rank superstition and iron clad prejudice existing at that time, the town authorities would not allow a suicide to be buried there, so the procession had to go on the old stage road to the forks in Dow village at Barnet line, then up past Hunter's and Holmes' and down past Caldwell's to the West cemetery there being then no cross road back of Blue Mountain. Mary Dunn was from Maine, and not related to the Ryegate Dunns."* The West cemetery, being on private land, was not under the jurisdiction of the town authorities. James Smith, a Captain, and Hugh Laughlin, a Lieut.-Col. in the Irish rebellion of 1798, are buried here. Mr. Miller states that in 1880 there were 159 visible graves in the cemetery, which is sometimes called the "Hall burying ground," and there have since been 41 burials, according to Mr. John Gates.

The older cemetery at South Ryegate has been in use 55 years, the first burial being that of Warrington, son of John A. Miller, Jan. 10, 1855, on land belonging to the estate of David Bone, and contains three-fourths of an acre. There are 48 lots, besides paths and driveways. It was conveyed by William Nelson of Newbury, guardian of the minor children of David Bone, to 36 persons, a few having two lots, and six were reserved for public use. In June, 1883, there were 147 graves and many have since been added. The new cemetery at South Ryegate was laid out by the selectmen in 1883, on land purchased of Charles Exley, and contains four acres.

Many former residents in the northwest part of the town are buried in the Walter Harvey cemetery, a few rods over the Barnet line on land given by Hon. Walter Harvey, and a short distance south of the church known for almost eighty years as the "Walter Harvey Meeting House." This burying ground, which contains about half an acre, is owned and cared for by an association. In 1895 it contained 119 marked graves. Many of the Whitehill, Dunn, McLam, and Hunter families are buried here.

A cemetery in which no burials have been made for some years lies half in Groton and half in Peacham, on the old road between the two places, and a short distance from where Ryegate and Barnet corner on these towns. The spot is very solitary. Some of the Whitehills are buried here as well as other Ryegate people and there are many unmarked

* Mr. Miller.

graves. Flavel Bailey, a noted schoolmaster, was buried here in 1847. Here lies the dust of Capt. Ephraim Wesson, a noted man in his day. He was born in Groton, Mass., in 1721, served with great efficiency in the Old French War, being a captain in Sir William Johnson's expedition, 1755, also in that of Gen. Abercrombie's. He was at the siege of Louisburg in 1758, and served in 1759 under Gen. Amherst. He was an early settler of Haverhill, and member of the Congregational church at Newbury, was also a member of the Provincial Congress at Exeter, and did efficient service in the revolutionary war. After the war he settled on the southeast corner lot in Peacham, where he died in March, 1812. "He was a brave and efficient officer, and was highly esteemed; a man of Puritan mould and principles." He has many descendants and his grave should not remain unmarked.*

A growing interest in these last resting places of the dead is evinced by the care which has succeeded an earlier neglect, and which is largely owing to the annual visitation of the veterans of the Civil War in which the graves of their comrades, and soldiers of the older wars are marked by flags and flowers. In March, 1900, the town voted to place its cemeteries under the care of five commissioners, as provided by law. These serve without pay, and one member is elected each year. They have the general oversight of the cemeteries, convey lots by deed, hold in trust the money received from sales of lots, and are intrusted with the investment of funds which are given for the care of particular lots. The members of the original board were Wm. N. Gilfillan, N. H. Ricker, A. M. Whitelaw, W. D. Darling and C. L. Adams. In 1910 the members were Hermon Miller, W. T. McLam, Geo. Cochran, C. L. Adams and Wm. N. Gilfillan. Care is taken to secure members who reside in the vicinity of each cemetery. On Jan. 1, 1910, the fund with accrued interest amounted to \$1072.57.

There were a few burials upon farms in different parts of the town, but the custom of farm burial never prevailed in this part of New England.

The poor we have always had with us, and the care of such persons as have been wholly or in part objects of public charity, has cost the town quite a large sum. At the first town meeting ever held in Ryegate, Patrick Lang and John Shaw were made overseers of the poor, and to their successors in office the task of providing for the shelter, food and clothing of such as were unable to care for themselves, has been intrusted.

* See also Miss Hemenway's Gazetteer, Vol. IV, pp. 1150-1157.

Monday of May next on which day the selectmen and collector are to attend at said place and receive said articles and set a price on them, and whoever neglects to bring said articles to the amount of their tax shall pay his or her tax in cash, which articles are to be at the disposal of the selectmen for the support of the poor.

The town has never owned a farm for the homeless poor and in earlier years much of the time at town meeting was taken up in discussing what should be done with them. It was customary to sell the keeping of individual paupers to the lowest bidder, and bind the children out during their minority. The number of persons wholly or partly supported by the town was much larger eighty years ago than now.

The warnings for town meetings down to about 1848 often contain articles like the following: "To see what the town will do for the relief of A. B. now in Danville jail for debt." Imprisonment for debt was very common in those days, and it happened sometimes that it was cheaper for the town to pay the debt for which some unfortunate but industrious man was confined, than to support his family during his imprisonment.

At the time of the settlement of the town, according to all the information we have, the use of ardent spirits was universal in Scotland and in America, and the first settlers of the town in accordance with the customs of the time were what would now be called hard drinkers. This was because both malt and distilled liquors were then considered as food, and as indispensable as bread and meat, and it was not until long after that people began to question this, and finally to decide that their use was harmful. The poems of Burns and such of the Waverly Novels as deal with the period contemporary with the early years of this town show how deeply rooted and universal was the custom and its disastrous consequences. The accounts kept by Mr. Whitelaw show how large a proportion of the expenses of the managers was for the purchase of rum. It would seem that to drink regularly and deeply was absolutely necessary to existence. It is significant of the change of *personel* among users of intoxicants that men like James Whitelaw and James Henderson would now be uncompromising temperance men. It must be remembered also that ardent spirits in those days were not poisoned by drugs and that the hard work of the pioneers in the open air dissipated their ill effects.

Among Mr. Miller's notes are anecdotes which need not be preserved, of the drinking habits in the first half century of the town. To cite no other authority, the early session records of Ryegate and Barnet show

how the evil interfered with the usefulness of the churches. "Intemperance," wrote Rev. David Sutherland of Bath in 1852, "was at the period of my settlement, the bane not only of my own church, but of all the churches in this vicinity of which I had any knowledge. Ardent spirits were set forth on every public occasion; weddings and funerals were seasons of excess." In 1805 a prominent man, an elder in the church in this town, engaged a man to set up a distillery on his farm, where he made large quantities of whiskey, the minister himself being one of his most steady customers. The use of intoxicants was part of the dark side of the picture of the early days.

The account book of Thomas Barstow from which we have quoted, shows how large a proportion of the trade of a country merchant was in ardent spirits. Some of the items are rather amusing. One man in Ryegate whose name out of consideration for his numerous descendants we suppress, is charged with "1 Bible, 2 Testaments, 3 quarts Rum."

The educated classes were especially sinners in this particular. Arthur Livermore, in his "Recollections of Haverhill Corner," from which we have before quoted, mentions an old lawyer from the east part of the state who used to come to court there about 1820, whose invariable formula, after summoning the waiter with a tap of his cane to the foot of the stairs, was to order, "Waiter, bring a bottle of rum, a bottle of brandy, a pitcher of water, a bowl of sugar, four tea-spoons and a pack of cards!"

It is not possible to tell precisely when or by what motives induced, the temperance reform began. It is certain that as early as 1817 there was some kind of temperance organization in this town, which was addressed by Mr. Sutherland. The use of ardent spirits was not fatal to the hardy pioneers of the town. It was upon the younger generation that its effects were most disastrous, and it was by observing those effects that people began to think the use of ardent spirits an evil.

The temperance reform, which by 1840 had become vigorous and aggressive, had its origin among the young and middle aged men. If the clergy of an early time had countenanced the use of intoxicants by their example, their successors were among the most prominent in the reform.

A man had been taken sick and one Saturday the neighbors met to finish his haying. The jug circulated very freely and one man in particular, an elder in the church, became very much "overcome" indeed. The minister, Mr. Hill, heard of it, and the next day preached a rousing temperance sermon. He called no names, but some of his remarks were so pointed that all knew whom he meant and some took offense. After the

service one old Scotchman freed his mind thus: "If I had been that — buddy, I'd have ganged oup the pulpit and yankit oot that Hill buddy!"

But temperance reform has been as complete in Ryegate as anywhere. The old drinking customs have passed away. There are no longer taverns with open bars to tempt the unwary and only a very few votes are annually cast in favor of licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors.

The letter of Robert Hyslop of New York City, dated Jan. 15, 1798, referred to on a preceding page, raises a very interesting question. He inquires about some land in this vicinity, understood to have been owned by Commodore John Paul Jones who had lately died in Paris. He says, further, that a list of these lands had been forwarded to him by the American Minister at Paris, and asks Gen. Whitelaw to ascertain their location, the validity of the titles, and their probable value. We do not have Mr. Whitelaw's reply, but it would be interesting to know that Paul Jones once owned land in this part of the country.

CHAPTER XVIII.

MANUFACTURES.

SAW MILLS.—CONNECTICUT RIVER.—CLAY ISLAND.—THE NARROWS.—CANOE FALLS, AND EARLY MILLS THERE.—THE RYEGATE PAPER CO.—BRICK MAKING.—THE GRANITE BUSINESS.—THE GRANITE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION.—THE GRANITE CUTTER'S UNION.

IN a new country the first thing to be done is to rear a shelter of some kind as a protection from storm and cold, which may at first be a mere hut to be superseded by more durable habitations, and in most new towns at the era of the settlement of Ryegate all the buildings for several years were of logs. But our colonists had located near a town already well provided with mills, and framed buildings were erected in the earliest year of the settlement. But it was many years before they became common, and nearly all the early settlers were forced to content themselves with log houses and barns. One reason for this was the scarcity of all articles made of iron, especially nails, which in 1775 cost about eighteen cents per 100. Consequently the nails used in a building cost quite a sum and few of the colonists could afford to use many of them. The first barn built by Wm. Nelson was almost without iron of any kind, the boards being fastened to the frame with wooden pins.

We have given an account of the first mill built by the colonists, which was outside the town limits, but it was not many years before other mills began work in different parts of the town. For the first seventy-five years all the saw mills were of the vertical or up-and-down kind, which did good work in their day, and, with the exception of the crank and the saw all the machinery could be made and fitted by the local carpenter and blacksmith. They went out of use about forty years ago, and the names of their parts would be strange to the young people of the present day. Indeed so far has the old fashioned saw mill passed into oblivion that in an article upon Daniel Webster in the *Century* in 1901, an illustration represents the future statesman working in his father's saw mill—a fully equipped *circular* saw mill, which had only begun to come into use fifty years later.



RYEGATE LIGHT AND POWER CO. PLANT AT BOLTONVILLE.



RYEGATE PAPER MILL, EAST RYEGATE.

It is not possible to give the history of all these mills in this town, but we may mention some of them. James Henderson built a mill on the stream which flows out of Ticklenaked pond, in which he and his son after him did a large business for many years.

The first mill on Wells River in this town, according to Mason, was built about 1802 by John Craig at what is now South Ryegate, but which was for many years called "Craig's Mills." He also built the first grist mill there. After him the saw mill had several owners until it came into the hands of Dr. J. B. Darling, who carried on a large amount of business. When the Montpelier and Wells River railroad was built he furnished the lumber for the fences, bridges and stations between Wells River and the Summit, boards selling at that time for \$12 per M., and bridge timber from \$16 to \$18. By the failure of the company he lost about \$2,000 but gained much experience. In 1876, he sold a half interest in the mill to his son-in-law, M. F. Sargent, who later bought the other half, and is now sole owner. Dr. Darling bought and cleared several tracts of timber land, employing a large number of men, and erected some fourteen houses in the village.

In the 50's this mill was owned by Walter Buchanan, who built a new dam and its erection brought upon him a suit at law by Bradley Morrison who owned and occupied a farm one and one-half miles up the river. The latter claimed that the new dam being much higher than the old one had caused an overflow of his meadows, and much damage to the growing crops. The case was in court for some years, entailing a large amount of costs, but was finally settled by arbitration. Judge Batchelder of Bradford and two others were the referees, the plaintiff's attorney being Thomas Wason, while Hon. I. N. Hall represented the defendant.

The second saw mill on Wells River was built at what is now called the Quint place, by Alexander Miller, who bought land there in 1809. Here he erected buildings, a saw mill and a grist mill, where he made great quantities of oat meal and hulled barley. The locality was called "Miller's Mills" for many years.

In the northwest part of the town John Hunter bought in 1822, Lot No. 6, in the 2d range of the north division, on which he built a saw mill on Mill Brook which was run till 1850. The machinery was then sold to W. F. Gibson who built a mill half a mile down the brook in 1852, and sold it in 1860 to Amos W. Abbott. It is now owned by his widow. A mill at the outlet of Symes' Pond was in operation many years. This mill, with a tract of adjacent lumber was sold to the Parker & Young Co., of Lisbon, who cut the lumber and moved the mill away.

Connecticut River and its mills are worthy of a more particular notice. In March, 1781, Mr. Whitelaw surveyed the river from the southwest corner of Bath to its northwest corner, and found the distance, as the river winds and turns, to be a little over fourteen miles, the distance between the two points in a straight line being 6 miles, 133 rods. In a clay bank known as Clay Island is a remarkable deposit of clay stones which have been noted for more than a century. They are beautiful and attractive, of almost every conceivable variety in size and shape of which great quantities have been carried away. The most remarkable of these stones are of a round or disc shape and vary in size from an inch in diameter to three or four inches, and are of very rare occurrence. Clay stones, say the geologists, are clay cemented by carbonate of lime, and where the matter is free to move in all directions are completely round, but in general they are flattened by the pressure of the bank above them.

A short distance above the mouth of the Amonoosuc and near the southeast corner of this town is one of the wildest spots in the whole extent of the river. The current, which a quarter of a mile above is about 300 feet wide is here compressed into a gorge 60 feet in width between the base of the mountain on the Bath side and a curiously shaped rock on the Ryegate side. A descent of several feet here increases the velocity of the current, and the spot, which is secluded by overhanging woods on the Vermont side, is rendered wild and stern by the mountain on the other shore. Even at low water the spot is worthy of a visit, but when the stream is swollen by spring or autumn rains the river rushes through the Narrows, as the place is called, with terrific velocity, which is checked by an abrupt bend in the wildest part of the stream, and the whole torrent of water is hurled against the ledge with a violence which seems to shake the mountain itself. It is the wildest spot on the river above Bellows Falls, and lies in the midst of some of the most tranquil scenery in the Connecticut valley.

In 1828 the river road in Bath which before had climbed to a considerable height along the mountain side, was brought down to its foot and a new highway was constructed at considerable expense between the river and the rock. It is impassable at high water, and its abrupt turns, with the wild and savage grandeur of the scenery, invest its passage with an interest not unmixed with terror.

Halfway from Barnet line to Newbury line the current of the river is broken by a ledge over which the stream passes, and by rapids which form an insuperable barrier to navigation. The first settlers of Newbury and Haverhill called them the Canoe Falls and in an account of Ryegate written in 1824 for Thompson's Gazetteer, Mr. Whitelaw calls them by

that name, by which they were still called by old people in Mr. Miller's boyhood. Yet they have gone by the name of Dodge's Falls, and for no other reason than that, many years ago, a family by the name of Dodge lived in Bath, near the falls. They were transient people, not identified with the spot in any way, but by a perversion of justice the falls have been called by their name. The old and euphonious name should be restored.

The river, at the two spots mentioned, has claimed many victims, and Rev. David Sutherland in his address delivered in 1854 stated that during his pastorate of fifty years fourteen persons had been drowned in the river. Several lives were lost there before and after that period, rendering the Falls and the Narrows two of the deadliest spots on the river.

The falls at East Ryegate have been utilized a part of the time since the town was settled. In 1790 William Nelson built a wing dam which extended from the Vermont bank to a small island in the middle of the river. At that date a few Indian families still lingered in this part of the country, and they used to congregate upon the rock and view the proceedings with much curiosity. Mr. Nelson erected a saw mill, and later a grist mill which did much business for a time. But the dam was washed away, and part of the saw mill with it. Mr. Nelson owned large tracts of land on both sides of the river, and in Monroe, and was one of the earliest to engage in the shipment of sawed lumber down the river.

In 1808 a charter was obtained from the New Hampshire legislature, and Mr. Nelson employed Calvin Palmer, who had constructed several dams on the river, to build a new one. In a description of Bath prepared in 1814 by Rev. David Sutherland, and published in the collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society for 1815, he stated that there was a saw mill and a grist mill on the west side of the river, but that no mills had been built on the east side. The saw mill did a large business for many years, and was fitted up with "gang saws," by which several boards or plank could be sawed at the same time. After passing from Mr. Nelson's hands the mills were operated by a Mr. Richardson, and by Samuel Hutchins and Jared Wells, and later by Samuel Moore and brothers, after which the property was allowed to go to decay, and the dam was washed away. In 1884, Capt. A. M. Beattie bought the land and mill privilege for a Mr. Marshall of Turner's Falls. While the mills were in operation a number of houses and a large boarding house were built near them, which have all disappeared. In 1829 a charter was obtained to construct a canal around the falls on the New Hampshire side but the canal corporation never got farther than its organization.

Mr. Henry C. Carbee says that about 1843 a slip to run rafts of sawed lumber was built on the Bath side, which was in operation till the railroad was completed to St. Johnsbury. This vast water power stood idle for many years, and several schemes for its development never materialized.

In 1903 a corporation called the Ryegate Paper Company was organized with a capital stock of \$250,000, and incorporated under the laws of New Hampshire, which purchased the water privilege and adjacent land, and began in April, 1905, the construction of a paper and pulp mill. This mill was completed Sept. 1st, 1906, and began at once to operate. The mill, which is of brick, is constructed in the most thorough manner, and equipped with the latest improved machinery for the manufacture of paper from wood. The daily production is about twenty tons of ground wood pulp, and twenty-five tons of high-grade newspaper. Although designed for a newspaper mill, some of the finest half-tone paper, made especially for cut and picture work, with special book and coating paper have been manufactured. It is claimed by high authorities that this mill, although comparatively small, is one of the most compact and best arranged mills in the country. It employs sixty men, and has proved a financial addition to the town. In the four years of its operation it has made a name for itself in the paper business of the country, and helps to advertise the town whose name it bears. A village has sprung up around the mills and the brick yards, which bids fair to become of considerable size.

For some years all the brick used in Ryegate had to be brought from Newbury. A few brick were made at different places in town. The large chimneys of those days required a great many brick, and brick houses came into fashion about 1820. In many places, especially in the vicinity of Montpelier, large two-story brick houses were built, but only two in this town. It is often remarked that when lumber was more plentiful and much cheaper than now, brick houses were often built, while now that lumber is high, brick houses are seldom erected in the country. The reason is that wood working machinery had not at that time come into general use, all the planing, and the making of doors and sash was by hand. Shingle were made by hand also, and clapboards were split. But brick could be made for about \$1.25 per M, and a brick layer's wages in 1825 were usually \$1.25 per day. Consequently it cost very little more to build a brick house than a wooden one, and the love of our ancestors for having things look substantial was gratified.

Not far from 1825 John McLure began to make brick on his farm, where his grandson, Charles H. McLure lives, the yard being between the

latter's house and the main road. Large quantities of brick were made there, and their manufacture was continued till about 1859, supplying most of the brick within a radius of several miles. Lime was burned in small quantities, many years ago from a bed of marl near the outlet of Symes' Pond.

In 1890, Martin H. Gibson opened a brick yard and began the manufacture of brick at East Ryegate. For the first six years he used two Gage machines which produced about one and a half million of brick a year, but in 1896 he put in a steam brick plant, and thereby greatly increased the production. The brick manufactured at East Ryegate have a beautiful cherry color, probably the finest produced anywhere in northern New England, and have been used in the construction of numerous large buildings in northern New Hampshire and Vermont. Among these are the Washington County jail and jail house at Montpelier and the Avenue House at St. Johnsbury which were built by Mr. Gibson, the Merchants Bank Block, the Citizens Savings Bank Block, and other buildings at the latter place, the Catholic Church at Lyndonville, the Barton High School building, the Newport School building, and Odd Fellows Block, the school building at Plymouth, Bank building at Bradford, Tenney Memorial Library at Newbury, the Remick building at Littleton, the Stoughton Block at Whitefield, the Bailey Block at Lancaster, the Catholic Church, Savings Bank building and others at Berlin, N. H., the brick block at South Ryegate and many others, were constructed of East Ryegate brick.

Since the opening of the works Mr. Gibson has made several million of brick, and employs a large number of men, and uses many cords of wood annually.

The business by which Ryegate is most widely known, which employs the largest capital and the greatest number of men, is the Granite industry, for whose manufacture Blue Mountain furnishes an inexhaustible supply. The first settlers discovered that they had a valuable asset in the possession of this mountain of granite of the finest quality. This granite lies in sheets, varying in thickness from a few inches to twenty feet. This arrangement of the stone in layers affords a great advantage in allowing easy quarrying. Many varieties of granite are found on the mountain. There are quantities of fine, medium and coarse grained granite, both dark and light in color. One vein of very nice stone, running around the mountain, has been traced for nearly half a mile.

Another important characteristic is the lack of iron, black knots or other blemishes in the rock. A further remarkable and distinguishing feature is the bright lively color of the stone, even after eighty years of

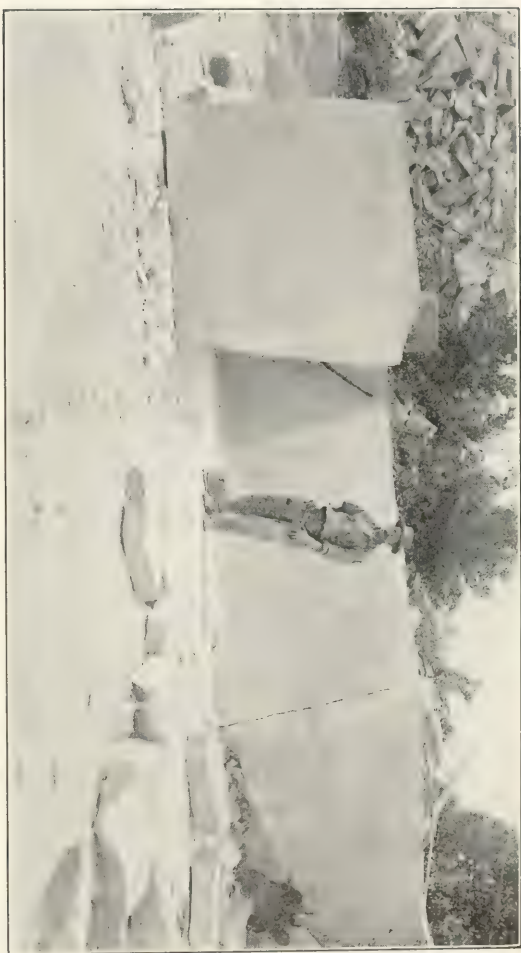
exposure to the weather, as is evidenced by the granite used in the brick house of Archibald Miller, and in the brick house at the Corner. At one time the state prison had a good prospect of being located here, and would have been, it is said, but for the opposition of one of the leading citizens of the town. It was the design of the state officials to use the prisoners in cutting the granite, as was afterwards done on Mount Ascutney when the state prison was built at Windsor.

Among the emigrants from Scotland in the 18th century were several experienced quarriers, as they are called in Scotland, and the state was glad to secure their skill and experience in getting out the stone for the prison at Windsor. In 1807 and the following year, Alexander Miller, Allan Stewart, Robert Gibson, Jonathan Page, John Craig, Ora Wilmot and Stewart Harvey were employed in that capacity, the first named having charge for two seasons of the workmen and prisoners who were getting out the stone on Mount Ascutney.

It is not certain at what period granite began to be quarried on the mountain, but comparison of certain ancient drill holes with some on the Catamount in Haverhill, where the stone for Haverhill jail was quarried about 1793, indicate by their weather-worn appearance that they were of about the same date. The early inhabitants began to use the stone for the foundation work of the framed houses which succeeded the log houses. The lintels and other granite in the stone house built by James Whitehill in 1808 or 1809, a portion of which now forms part of the house of C. W. Whitehill, were from Blue Mountain. When the brick church at Barnet Centre was built in 1829, stone for the steps were cut from Blue Mountain in sheets 40 feet in length, 8 ft. in width, and 8 inches thick. These were cut into three pieces, and may still be seen in front of the present church.

The first monument, that of John Nelson, was cut in 1854 from Ryegate granite, and after that its monumental use continued and increased. About 1868 the soldier's monument at Peacham was cut from Ryegate granite, and the beauty and finish of the stone attracted much attention. In 1869 the base of the soldier's monument at St. Johnsbury, which supports the beautiful statue of Liberty by Larkin G. Mead, was cut from the same quarry. For some time before that the stone was drawn during the winter by teams of oxen, past Mr. George Cochran's to the station at McIndoes. The demand for soldier's monuments and other monumental and building work, from all parts of the country furnished a good market.

With the building of the Montpelier and Wells River Railroad in 1873, the granite business took on new life. In 1874, Robert Laird



BLUE MOUNTAIN GRANITE. M. H. GIBSON'S QUARRY.

H. A. Nelson.

bought of Archibald and James Park all the granite on their 100 acre lot, and shipped large quantities on a road built by the town, via the Peacham road to South Ryegate and thence by rail to St. Johnsbury, where the stone was manufactured. He carried on a large business for a number of years. In 1891 he sold his quarry to Martin H. Gibson, who a little later, purchased the quarry of the Ryegate Granite Works. The latter quarry had previously been operated by Carter & Kimball who shipped large quantities of stone to Montpelier, and later by the Ryegate Granite Works. Mr. Gibson operated the two quarries as one, carrying on an extensive business, shipping stone, chiefly monuments, to nearly every state in the Union. The quarry is modernly equipped, and was the first to use a steam plant.

Since taking the business in hand Mr. Gibson's aim has been to build up the industry of the town. To this end he has at times leased parts of the quarries, and has given considerable attention to the development of monumental work, having found a fine vein suitable for that. Stone can be cut from the quarry six feet square, and one hundred feet in length, and he has supplied a large number of manufacturing firms at South Ryegate with their rough stock, furnishing nice clean stock.

In the 70's M. F. McDonald and Dr. Nelson bought 100 acres of Albert Hall, and opened a new quarry, which was later taken over and operated by a corporation known as the Blue Mountain Granite Company. The company was managed by M. F. McDonald and Robert Farquharson. Later, it was purchased by Henry Goodine who operated it for about two years, and then sold one half to William Frasier, and the other half to Rosa Bros. These last incorporated and organized the Vermont Gray Granite Co., which has equipped the quarry with a large derrick, and all the modern improvements, and is carrying on a successful business, quarrying large quantities of stone. Frasier operated his half for two years, getting out considerable building stone.

In the early 80's, Rodney F. Carter, a traveling salesman visiting the place, was impressed with the beauty and fine quality of the Ryegate granite, and, forming a partnership with Sumner Kimball, came here, and bought the Nelson quarry of 100 acres, and soon after commenced operations in a granite shed at South Ryegate. Mr. Carter soon involved himself and others in financial difficulties, and sold his plant to the Ryegate Granite Works Company incorporated in 1885, becoming manager of the new enterprise. Under him the company lost heavily during several years, and in 1889 went into the hands of a receiver. It had done a large amount of excellent work, cutting many soldier's monuments, several of which were erected on the battlefield of Gettysburg, also several fine mausoleums.

In 1889, A. F. Mulliken, D. W. Learned, Alexander Dunnett and M. H. Gibson formed a partnership which took over and operated with success the business of the Ryegate Granite Works for a number of years. In the spring of 1890 Mr. Leonard died, and the surviving partners bought up his share continuing the business successfully until 1897, when Mr. Gibson bought Mr. Mulliken out, and in the next year purchased Mr. Dunnett's interest in the business. Under his management a great amount of work was done. A McDonald stone cutting machine was installed at great expense, which accomplished the work of many men, both Barre and Ryegate granite being used.

Among the finest pieces of work made here were the soldier's monuments at Racine, Wis., and Cambridge, Ill., the Dr. Agnew tomb at Philadelphia, and the receiving vault for Elmwood cemetery at Detroit.

In 1902, a fire breaking out in the office swept through the plant, and burned everything to the ground causing a severe loss to the owner, owing to the expiration of insurance policies which had not been renewed. The loss was about \$25,000. At the present writing the site of the Ryegate Granite Works, at what was formerly called Quint place, is a desolate spot.

About 1900 the granite business at South Ryegate began to show new life. Mr. M. F. Sargent built a large 100 ft. shed, and Alexander Beaton, Thomas Courtney, Axel Anderson, John B. Frasier and James Craigie erected new sheds. Rosa Brothers bought out the Blue Mountain Granite Co., and afterwards moved a large shed from North Haverhill. In 1908 Mr. Fred Osgood leased the Frasier quarry, and the sheds at South Ryegate, beginning extensive operations in quarrying and cutting building stone. In 1909, he enlarged his plant, leasing other sheds, engaged Robert Farquharson as general superintendent, employing from 75 to 80 men. Among the buildings erected with his granite are post offices at Michigan City, Ind., Hudson, N. Y., Brighton, and Elizabeth, N. J., Ashtabula, O., and Keene, N. H. He has set up work in Washington, D. C., and is to furnish granite for the Corsica Building, at Fifth Avenue and 26th St., New York, and the post office at Marietta, Ohio.

Mr. M. F. McDonald has been connected with the granite business since May 20, 1873, when he came here to take charge of a branch shop established by the St. Johnsbury Granite Co., which was composed of R. W. Laird and Hiram Moody.

In the spring of 1873, the rough stock was hauled from the quarry by four pairs of oxen, from the mountain down by the Martin Hall place, and No. 3 schoolhouse and the Henderson now the Fisk place, loading without a derrick. They were the first in the state to use granite polish-

ing machines. In 1876 the St. Johnsbury Co., discontinued their branch shop and Mr. McDonald has since conducted the business alone.

Among those interested in the business have been the late Dr. Darling and his sons, the Robens and others. The Blue Mountain Granite Company was organized, and did an extensive business during some years. Mr. Alexander Cochran was the financial head of the concern, furnished money, and indorsed its notes. Upon the failure of the company in 1892, Mr. Cochran was obliged to take the property into his own hands. Their plant included about 60 acres of land on and about Blue Mountain, with sheds and a polishing mill at South Ryegate. As before stated, this plant was afterwards sold to the Rosa Brothers.

During the year 1900 about 140 men were employed in the granite business at South Ryegate, and the same business furnishes employment for numbers of quarry men, teamsters and the like.

The first work done with Ryegate granite was crude, chiefly monuments in what was called the Bunker Hill style, with marble slabs set in the side for the lettering, it not being thought that it could be lettered, much less polished. It is believed that the business has been carried on continuously since about 1865 when the McPhees from Barnet and Sortwell of McIndoes and Peacham, who made the soldier's monument at the latter place, began work. Among the earlier workers, besides the Lairds and Hiram Moody were Joseph George, and Sumner Kimball of Montpelier, and Ryegate. Ryegate work has gone into every state in the Union and some parts of Canada.

Some of the best made here are the Morgan monument at Batavia, N. Y., soldiers' monuments Painsville, O., Davenport, Iowa, and many at Gettysburg and other battlefields of the civil war. Mr. McDonald has placed over thirty monuments in the cemetery at Orford, N. H.

For the last few years about two carloads of finished granite are shipped from South Ryegate each working day valued at about \$10,000 per month. Within the past two years the introduction of electric power has made quicker and better work possible.

At present there are six different quarries on the mountain from which granite is brought to South Ryegate. Among those manufacturing granite are A. T. Beaton, James Beaton, Rosa Bros., H. W. Goodine, T. Courtney, James Craigie, Ed. Metcalf, M. F. McDonald, Anderson & Hartz, H. Samuelson, E. E. Eliason, T. S. Gray, The C. E. Greene Co., M. H. Gibson, manager, and the Osgood Granite Co. About 175 men are now employed in different capacities in the business.

In February, 1908, the manufacturers formed an association in order to better conditions, meet labor difficulties, and for mutual assistance.

Few manufacturing communities have escaped labor difficulties, and differences between employers and employed. The granite business in Ryegate has been no exception, and the history of the rise and growth of trade unions here is of importance as determining and insuring the right of employees to form organizations. Mr. J. D. Grant, the secretary of the local branch of the Granite Cutter's Union, who was asked by the committee to prepare a brief historical sketch of the Union, responded in a paper which restricted space has compelled us to condense in its less important parts. Mr. Grant's paper seems a fair presentation of the Union's side of the case, yet it must be remembered that the same measure looked very differently from the other side.

The South Ryegate branch of the Granite Cutter's National Union was organized April 2, 1885, to remedy by united action conditions which were far from satisfactory. The granite business had risen from very small beginnings in 1873, till in 1885 about 100 men were employed in the various processes by which the rough stone in the ledge on Blue Mountain was quarried, drawn, cut and polished for shipment. The conditions, which prevailed in the day of small things, were unchanged when the business became extensive. There was no regular pay-day, or fixed scale of wages, and other matters were far from satisfactory. The first step toward starting a branch of the National Union was taken by ten men who met in one of the granite sheds on March 24th, 1885, and affixed their names to a petition to the National Committee, in Philadelphia for a charter to form a branch of the union at this place. The necessary authority being received, the Union was organized on the above date, C. C. Stewart being chosen president; H. A. West, vice-president; J. D. Grant, secretary; John W. Haley, treasurer; the standing committee being Geo. Sheriffs, O. E. Clay, and P. B. Fraser. The other original members were John Dillon, Alex. Barrata, and Dennis Cleary. By the 9th of April the number of members had increased to twenty-four, and the employers being alarmed, met at the house of R. F. Carter, and united in addressing a letter to each member of the union declaring their opposition to the organization, their resolve to deal with each workman individually, and their determination to employ no man who joined the union. Looking back to this meeting, through many years, one feels to regret that conciliatory measures had not been adopted, and the parties assisted to a mutual understanding.

The members of the union united in a letter to the directors of the granite works, in which they disavowed any intention of making trouble with employers who treated their men fairly and their desire to see the granite business here placed on a basis of fair and honest dealing between

employers and employed. The branch also laid their case before the National Union, and were assured of support, the shops of the Ryegate Granite Works and the Blue Mountain Co., being placed on the opposition list. The letter of the union was tabled by the directors, who voted not to hire any man who belonged to the union. The members of the union, finding that they could with difficulty obtain employment elsewhere as their names had been placed on the "black list," conceived the idea of starting a co-operative company for the manufacture of granite work by the men themselves, and negotiations were begun with Dr. J. B. Darling for a site on which to erect a cutting and polishing plant to be operated by the men themselves.

The granite manufactures, however, led by R. F. Carter, represented to the State's Attorney that there was trouble among the granite workers at South Ryegate, and Sheriff Sulloway with deputies on the morning of April 16, under charges of conspiracy and intimidation arrested C. C. Stewart, O. E. Clay, George Sherriffs, Peter B. Fraser, A. M. Holmes, John W. Haley, Charles Exley, O. W. Lewis, Wm. D. Darling, Wm. Troup, John Ingram, H. A. West, Dennis Cleary, P. W. Hendrick, John McGeough, and J. D. Grant, a deputy being appointed to guard each prisoner till the arrival of the train which was to take them to jail at St. Johnsbury. In the meantime the action of the sheriff had become known, and a bond to furnish whatever bail would be required was signed by Dr. J. B. Darling, Samuel Mills, Sr., H. G. Gibson, Pringle Gibson, J. R. Park, James White, E. G. Lind, S. Mills, Jr., M. F. Sargent, D. B. Cross, James Dickey, M. F. McDonald and Robert Nelson, all men of good financial standing. At St. Johnsbury the men appeared before Marshall Montgomery, the State's Attorney, and were defended by Bates and May, assisted by Harry Blodgett, while H. C. Ide represented the state. Bail at \$500 each was promptly furnished by Dr. Darling and Samuel Mills, Sr., representing the signers of the bond, and the men were released and returned home the same night.

Their hearing at St. Johnsbury before N. M. Johnson, Esq., was April 17-21, and their case was dismissed. The men were, however, re-arrested on a new indictment and taken before Judge Walter P. Smith, who decided to send the case to the County Court, where it was tried at the June term. Thirteen of the respondents were acquitted and discharged. The case of the other three, C. C. Stewart, O. E. Clay and J. D. Grant, officers of the branch, was continued, and taken to the Supreme Court on exceptions. The indictment was sustained and the case remanded to the County Court, the bail of the three being reduced from \$500 each to \$100. The case was continued from term to term, mainly from the

difficulty which the prosecution found in securing the attendance of witnesses, till the December term of 1887. The National Union, which had been paying the bills, was impatient to have the case settled, and sent Gen. Roger A. Pryor to assist the defense before a jury.

The case was, by conference of the representatives of all the parties, settled by the payment of the nominal fine of \$20 for each of the three respondents and no costs. Thus the right of men to organize themselves into a Union was established.

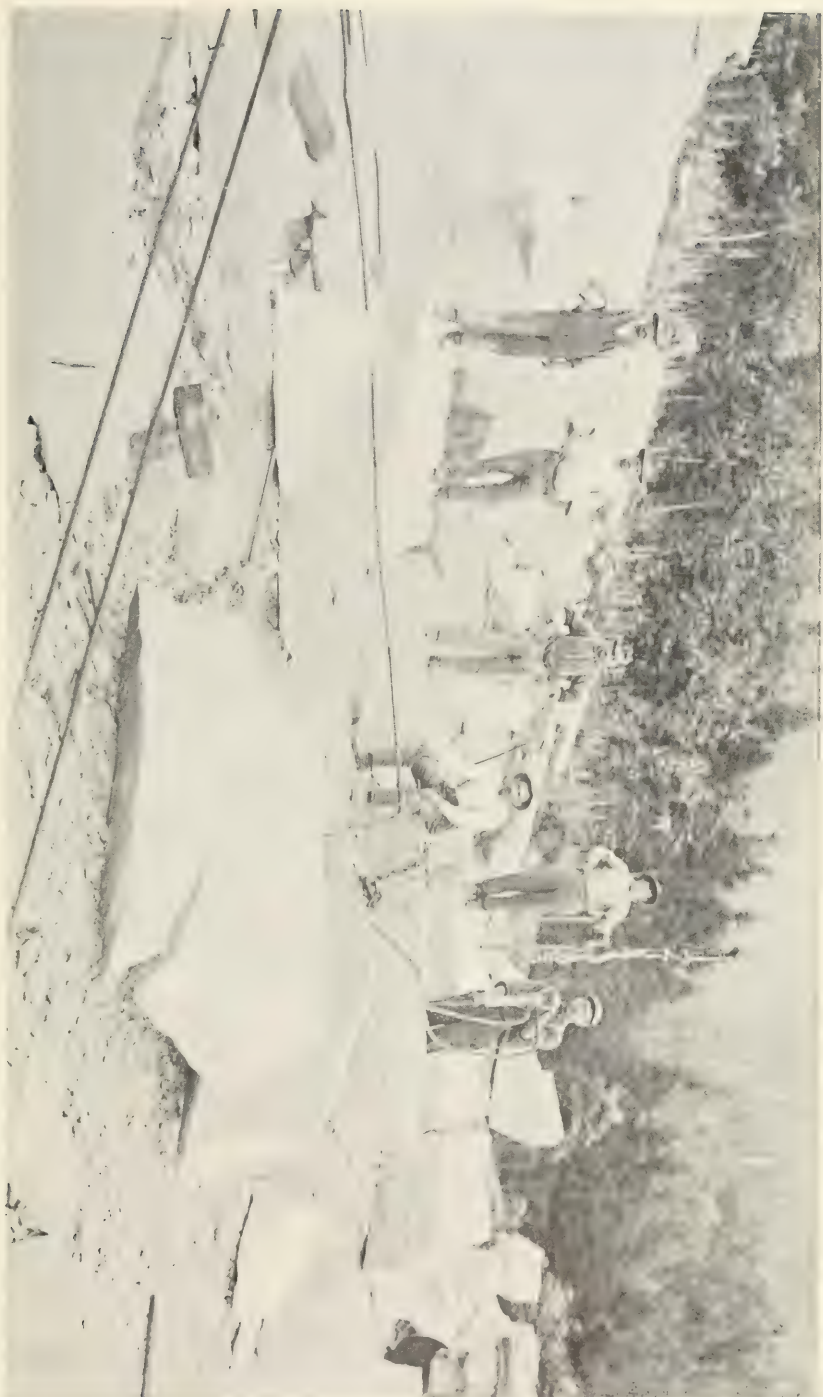
Mr. Grant says: "Meantime the co-operative idea had materialized. And a number of the Union men became associated under the name of the Union Co-operative Granite Co., and commenced to manufacture granite work. This move by the union men was looked upon with disfavor by the opposition firms, and many inducements were thrown out to the men to desert the union and go back to their former places, and some did so. But the Branch kept on gaining in membership and in determination to stick to the union. The sentiment of the community was greatly divided between 'union' and 'non-union.' Even the churches were affected to some degree by this 'bone of contention.'"

Such a state of things could not continue in a well ordered community, and the first firm to enter into harmonious arrangements with the union was the Blue Mountain Company, run by McDonald and Farquharson, who agreed to recognize the union, and hire union men on the same terms as other men. Hendrick Bros. had before started a shop on the same basis, making three union and one non-union.

The year 1886 was a very good one in the granite business, several new men came into the place, a branch of the National Union was formed at Barre, the employees of the R. G. W. Co., felt interested in the union, 19 joined in a body Feb. 1, 1887 and all parties came to a mutual understanding by which a settlement of the difficulties was effected.

The Company agreed to use their influence with their employees to prevent suits by them against members of the union by reason of any damages sustained by them, and that the Company would not discriminate between union or non-union men, agreeing not to employ men who were objectionable to the Union. Several minor differences were also settled, and the long struggle came to an end, to the great joy of the whole community. Greatly improved conditions were secured by the men, and the employers also were benefited by the better feeling between the parties, as the following will illustrate.

In the winter of 1887-'8 the R. G. W. Co., feeling the general financial stringency, the men of their own motion offered to work till the 1st of April for five per cent reduction in wages, and by offering to assist the



BLUE MOUNTAIN GRANITE. ROSA BROTHERS QUARRY.

H. J. Nelson.

Company by allowing a part of their wages to remain unpaid till April and May. This offer was accepted in the spirit with which it was tendered.

But the settlement of the trouble between the granite companies and the union was the ruin of the co-operative company; the members fell off one by one, the company disbanded and James White was appointed as receiver to wind up the affairs of the concern, settling with the creditors for fifty cents on the dollar, a discouraging outcome financially. But Mr. Grant considers that the enterprise had the good result of keeping the men together during a critical period in the life of the branch until the principal of organization by working men was firmly established in this state.

The South Ryegate branch has been remarkably free from misunderstandings and disputes with the employers. It has had its "ups and downs," like other organizations sensitive to the influences of good or bad times. It has survived two general lock-outs, the great New England lock-out of 1892, and the more recent suspension in 1908 when there was nothing doing from March 1st to April 10th.

The average membership may be placed at from 60 to 70.

CHAPTER XIX.

LOCAL MATTERS.

INDUSTRIAL CHANGES.—MR. WHITELAW'S OBSERVATIONS.—WILD ANIMALS.—DAIRYING.—FARMS.—FAIRS.—CREAMERIES.—BLUE MOUNTAIN GRANGE.—MISCELLANEOUS.

BEFORE leaving the subject of manufactures in this town it may be noted that the changing industrial conditions of the past sixty years have occasioned the discontinuance of many trades and small industries which once flourished in country towns. In almost every town in this vicinity are sites of former industries, some of which had considerable reputation in their day, and were the centers of small hamlets in which the workmen lived. Some of these passed away so long ago that only the older people know where the buildings stood. The discontinuance of these small industries has assisted in producing the decrease of population in many towns, a fact not sufficiently considered by those who write of the loss in the population of rural communities.

Before the days of railroads many industries which are now concentrated in large towns where great numbers of workmen and large aggregations of capital are employed, were scattered all over the country in small concerns, where local capital found employment, and where the operatives were gathered from the immediate neighborhood. They also provided, to a limited extent, a market for the farmers in their vicinity. Sixty years ago there were woolen mills in Barnet, Danville, Sutton, Bath, Haverhill and other towns in this vicinity; foundries and machine shops at Bradford, extensive iron works at Franconia, tanneries and starch factories in almost every town. These have all disappeared, and, in most cases nothing has taken their place. There were, also, fulling mills, flax mills, carding mills and the like.

In a few cases, like these last mentioned, the industry itself has fallen into disuse, but in others, after the railroad came, it brought the products of great manufacturing centers at a price with which the small country manufacturer could not compete, and had to go out of business.

Every town in this vicinity had one or more tanneries, at which the farmer could have the hides of cattle slaughtered upon his farm converted into excellent leather, and they made a market, to a limited extent, for hemlock bark. The process was slow, the hides lying in the vats for sev-

eral months. There have been at least two tanneries in Ryegate. Robert Whitelaw carried on the business for many years, employing several men in the work, and in making boots and shoes. Harry Moore learned the trade of him, and went into the tanning business with John Gibson at the Corner, on the small brook near the creamery but west of the road, and a little above it.

Mr. Miller mentions that at one time within his recollection there were ten shoemakers in this town, some of whom had shops where they employed workmen as apprentices, others traveled from farm to farm with their kits of tools. There were others who farmed in summer and did shoemaking in winter. These were manufacturers on a small scale, as were the blacksmiths and the carpenters.

Mr. Mason says that in 1830 there were nine blacksmith shops in Ryegate. Many articles were then made by hand by the local blacksmith, such as locks, hinges, scythes, horse and ox shoes, and the like, which are now machine made and sold at stores. In the earlier years iron was very dear and hard to be had. Every scrap was utilized, and blacksmiths made horse shoes out of old scythes. It was not till the opening of the Franconia Iron Works, about 1795, that iron became more plenty. There were blacksmiths who confined themselves entirely to the nicer branches of the trade, made axes, carpenter's tools and ornamental work.

The carpenter who built a house made also the doors, sash and blinds, all now made by machinery, and supplied ready for use. He usually had a shop, where in winter he got out house finish, made furniture, sleds and wagons. Such men were often very skillful workmen who took pride in their work. In the older villages in this vicinity, where there was considerable wealth a century ago, the fine old mansions of that day contain samples of hand craft which are the despair of modern carpenters. Among them may be especially mentioned the old Payson mansion at Bath village, and the fine old mansion once the residence of Hon. Joseph Bell, at the south end of the common at Haverhill Corner. And there are others. Carpenters also made coffins, which were not furnished ready for use as they are now, but when one was needed the local carpenter was provided with the measure, and instructed as to the expense which might be incurred. There were carpenters who made a specialty of coffins, as caskets were then called, and considerable expense was sometimes lavished upon them when made of oak, carved and panelled. Sometimes, but perhaps never in Ryegate, people had their coffins made several years before they died, and kept them in readiness for use. The custom of enclosing the coffin in an outer box for burial did not come into general use till about fifty years ago.

There was never any starch factory in Ryegate, but there were several in this vicinity which made a market for potatoes, and transactions of considerable magnitude are remembered. In 1860 Wm. T. George of Topsham contracted with a starch factory at Haverhill, N. H., to raise 5000 bushels of potatoes on new land, to be delivered in the field at 33 cents per bushel in the fall of 1861. The actual quantity delivered was 5800 bushels. It would be hard to find a starch factory in this region now.

Fifty years ago there were several tailors and tailoresses in this town, some of whom did their work in a shop, and others went from house to house and made coats and jackets for the "gudeman" and the lads. Frequently a man was a farmer in summer, and a tailor, carpenter or shoemaker in winter. It will be seen that the disuse of all these small trades has had its effect in the decrease of the town's population.

When our colonists first came here from Scotland they found many things which were new to them, and Mr. Whitelaw's observations as recorded in his letters to his father, give us some interesting particulars respecting the state of agriculture in this part of the country 140 years ago. He remarks that the use of potatoes was much more general here than in Scotland, and that they were found on the table wherever they had been. Potatoes had not come into general use in New England in 1750, only a few being raised here and there, and were very rarely seen in the west of Scotland at that date. Yet twenty years later their use and culture had become general. Writing from Newbury in the fall of 1773 he says:

"They have great fields of maize or Indian corn as they call it, and when grown a field of corn is a fine sight. They have a great many ways of cooking it, one of which is to boil or roast the green ears, eating the kernels directly from the cob. Another dish which we have learned to like very much is made of green corn cut from the cob, and boiled with beans and vegetables, and this mode of preparation, we are told, they have learned from the Indians. Another dish is made from pumpkins which they prepare by cutting out a piece from one end, and, removing the seeds and soft parts they fill them with milk and bake them for several hours. This makes very delicious food. But they do not know the use of oatmeal, and I have not tasted any except among our countrymen in the middle colonies. Fish they have in plenty, salmon as good as any at home, and many varieties of vegetables. They have a novel way of stacking wheat, by erecting four tall poles, and making a roof of boards over the stack instead of thatching it."

The first who came from Scotland were unused to hard work such as clearing land required, and were ill-fitted for the severe toil which must precede the preparation of the land for crops. A few became discouraged and went away. Some hired young men to clear land by the acre, as

there were a number of young men from the older colonies who had come to the Coös country, and possessed the sinews and endurance necessary for the task. We may not easily comprehend the hardships of the first settlers. The want of tools; the want of money with which to buy tools; the lack of almost everything we call the necessities of life; the solitary huts in the dense woods, where the family must live on what they could raise among the stumps and rocks of their clearings; the long cold winters; the absence of all the comforts which in the densely populated part of Scotland from which they had come were regarded as indispensable, all these and many other hardships, manfully faced and endured, call for our admiration of their courage. It was upon the women that the privations fell most severely, and our records show how many young wives died within a few years after coming here. We may wonder how people lived through those first years. But they seem to have taken their privations as matters of course, difficulties to be encountered and overcome, and those who persevered were rewarded with abundance. As before mentioned, their privations were much less severe than those of the settlers in the towns near Canada, as they were only a few miles from the plentiful fields of Newbury and Haverhill.

The dangers from wild animals had not entirely passed by the year 1800. Mr. Mason says that John Johnston who came here in 1796, boasted that he would never be afraid of a bear. If he should meet one he would teach that bear who was master. One day in the woods he came face to face with an enormous bear sitting upon his haunches, and not in the least indisposed to try conclusions with him. John underwent a sudden change of heart and feeling that Ryegate could ill afford to spare a man just then, decided that if the bear would let him alone he would do as much by the bear. Two Barnet men were returning from mill at Wells River, each with a grist on his shoulder when they met a bear which they killed, and one man took both grists, and the other shouldered the bear. Although the danger from wild beasts was ever present it is not recorded that any lives were lost by them in this town or Barnet. But as late as 1796 a woman was killed by a bear in St. Johnsbury. In 1790 the towns offered rewards for each wolf or bear killed in town. Killing bears was quite profitable, as the skin brought a cash price, then there was the bounty, and the meat was no bad substitute for pork.

Mr. Miller has carefully copied the early lists of taxable property, and we may form from these some estimate of the town's agricultural progress. The first list, that of 1789, contains 47 names. There were 73 cows kept in town and 48 oxen. William Neilson had 12 cows, the

Widow Taylor and James Henderson 5 each. There were 21 horses, only two persons owning more than one. Eleven years later there were 80 tax-payers, 234 cows, 60 horses and 25 colts. John Gray and William Neilson each had 12 cows, John Cameron and Andrew Brock 4 each. A steady increase is noted in the list of personal estate of 1810, when 534 cows are reported, 120 horses, and 27 colts. John and James Neilson each had 18 cows. Alexander Miller had 17, James and Abraham Whitehill 15 each. There were 174 oxen owned, 15 clocks and 16 watches.

We have no better means of estimating the continued prosperity of the town than is furnished by the grand lists, which, in 1794 began to be reckoned in dollars and cents, instead of pounds, shillings and pence. It is well also to say that at that time, and for many years after, the grand list was computed at 10 per cent of the valuation, instead of 1 per cent as at present. In 1820 the area of improved land had increased to 2078 acres, William Gray having sixty acres, the largest area. There were 174 oxen, 556 cows and 123 horses. Ten years later the list indicated a still more rapid development, the area of improved land had more than doubled, and live stock proportionately increased, there being 224 horses, and 725 cows. There were 2246 sheep listed, and for the first time money at interest and bank stock are counted. Among the items are one gold and 12 silver watches, and 37 brass clocks. James Esden, William Gibson, John and Alexander Symes, John Hunter, Wm. Henderson 2d, John and James Nelson and Alexander Miller are put down as owners of mills, and Samuel Peters as owner of a tannery.

In 1840, a decade's financial prosperity is shown by an increase of nearly 3000 acres of improved land over the list of 1820. William Gray still led, having 132 acres under cultivation and in pasturage, with the largest list of taxable property, William Johnston and Robert Gibson being second and third. There were 253 individual lists, 76 being members of the militia and exempt from poll tax. The horses and colts over one year old listed were 285, and 1253 cattle. Six carriages were taxed, 23 clocks, and 13 watches valued at more than ten dollars.

The decade which succeeded was that in which the population was largest, and the increase more than offset the removals from town. There were, as there had been for thirty years, families removing to the western country, and the manufacturing towns, then beginning their rapid growth, attracted many young men and women. But in that time the number of individual lists had risen to 310, and the valuation had nearly doubled. In 1850 the various Gibson families owned 2418 acres of land, and paid taxes on a valuation of about \$45,000, holding, collectively, more wealth than any other family in town. The Nelson fami-

lies came next with about 1900 acres, paying taxes on about \$26,000 of valuation. Dairying had become the chief industry, the source of wealth, and no town in the state was better provided with the excellent pasturage necessary to secure an abundant supply of milk. From the very first this has been a dairy town. When the land was first cleared, wheat was sown as the quickest means of securing a return. When the logs and stumps were in part cleared away, that part of the land not available for field was turned into pasture. The growth of the industry, and its changes are admirably described in a paper prepared by Mr. Gilfillan:

Dairying has been the leading pursuit of the farmers in Ryegate from the first settlement of the town. The Scotch are natural dairymen, and much of the labor is performed by the women. Many Scotchmen never learned to milk, but most who came to this country were young men who soon did their part out of doors, and the women did their part in doors. The small pans and dash churn, with human hands to work the butter called for strength and patience, which were given in the same large amount as was all the other work in those primitive times. Every one was glad to do all one could for the home. There was plenty of the best help, and labor was almost all the capital employed.

Little butter was made in winter, and all the feed used was raised on the farm. Butter was packed in tubs and sold to the local dealer till about June, when it was held in cool, clean cellars till late in the fall. Most farmers made a trip to Boston in the early winter, taking their butter and other produce, and purchasing a supply of the few necessities not raised on the farms. Tea, coffee, tobacco, sugar and spices were the groceries purchased. One hundred pounds of sugar was often the limit for a year's supply, aside from maple sugar which some made in small quantities, and others not at all.

We have spoken elsewhere of the manner of its conveyance, and it remains only to be said that with the farmer and his family this visit to market was the event of the year, and its incidents, with the narrative of the sights which were seen, formed a topic for conversation for months afterward. The "pung" always held something for every member of the family. When the railroad came these visits to market gradually ceased.

The civil war was an era of change in everything, and soon after it the large pan, the butter worker and the horse power came into use. Deep setting also came into use, and about 1890 hand separators were introduced, but were used but little in this town. A call for freshly made butter came from the cities, and about 1870 a few began to make print butter. Western feed was purchased, improved methods and richer feed soon increased the stock and many farms more than doubled their herds. Meantime the labor on the farm fast increased and there was less and less help to do it. Creameries began to appear in many sections, but Ryegate was conservative and slow to break away from the old time independent method of "every one for himself." There was a strife to make the most butter to the cow, and get the highest price, which, unless very high was a matter of great secrecy. Ryegate became one of leading dairy towns in the state, and stood at the head for the largest production per cow.

After 1890 labor indoors was almost impossible to obtain. The young women demanded a "new sphere," and it soon appeared that house work must

be given up, and the increased burden was too much for those who kept the house. About this time the term "abandoned farms" began to be heard, and solely for the reason just stated, except a few which should never have been cleared from the forest.

In 1893 four creameries were organized in this town. Ryegate, known as Jersey Hill Creamery, was well named, and succeeded wonderfully. The capital stock was \$3,000, held by 20 stockholders. The first officers were Geo. G. Nelson, President, George Cochran, Treasurer. This creamery has taken many prizes, including sweep-stakes twice at the Vermont Dairymen's Association.

The South Ryegate creamery began work the last of November, 1873 with, a capital stock of \$3,000. A. Buchanan was the first president, W. N. Gilfillan, secretary, S. Mills, Jr., treasurer. This creamery has had some poor luck by reason of mistakes in its original plant. Its location is first class, and it might easily have a large output, but many in the section make their own butter or sell milk.

East Ryegate creamery is located on the B. and M. R. R., and the capital stock was \$2500. The territory is somewhat limited, but it was a successful enterprise for many years taking first class premiums, and a sweepstake.

The creamery at North Ryegate started with a capital stock of \$1200, for machinery, and rented buildings for the plant, having only eight patrons at first, but steadily gained in numbers and was successful for some years, also capturing prizes. At present (Nov. 1910) it is running light owing to the sale of milk.

It would seem that these home enterprises should be supported in preference to outside concerns which oftener hurt than help their patrons. These creameries were all co-operative in name. Had they been so in fact, there would have been greater successes to record. When doing their best these creameries work upwards of 400,000 lbs. per year at an average value of about \$100,000.

A few of the best dairymen have always made their own butter, and with special markets have received high prices. Add to the value of the butter made in town the stock raised and meat produced, and the total shows splendid returns for the capital invested.

About 1870, Jersey stock was first introduced, and the improved breed soon crowded out the native stock, which with intelligent care and treatment had done well for a century. Of late the Guernsey have come into favor. With proper care and feed the Jersey and Guernsey cows will produce 300 lbs and upwards per cow. Owing to the great drouth of 1908 and 1909 many farmers were obliged to reduce their stock—in some cases one-third. One firm of dealers shipped nearly 1000 head of stock to the middle west, this stock giving satisfaction, with demands for more.

The important question for farmers in this part of Vermont is—Shall we sell milk, ship away the fertility of the soil which has cost us so much, and buy uncertain stock, or continue to follow methods which have placed us at the head as the best dairy town in the state?

In connection with dairying, and consequent upon it came exhibitions of stock, and the best method of securing good results in farming. One of the first fairs in this part of the state was held in this town, but all we know of it is derived from a single poster which has, somehow, escaped destruction. It was printed on gray paper, size nine by eleven inches, and is as follows:

RYEGATE CATTLE FAIR.

THE ANNUAL CATTLE FAIR will be held at Ryegate Corner on the 2d Tuesday of Oct. next. The object of this FAIR is for buying, selling and exchanging Horses, Cattle, and all other kinds of property. The FARMERS, MECHANICS, DROVERS, etc., are requested to attend as it is expected there will be many cattle from adjacent towns which will give Gentlemen Drovers a great chance for Bargains. It is expected that there will be a very extensive Vendue of Goods on said day.

NOAH DOE,	}	Committee.
JAMES McCLURE.		
WALTER BUCHANAN,		
WILLIAM BUCHANAN,		

JOHN PAGE, Clerk.

Ryegate, Vt, Sept. 10, 1842.

A meeting of the State Board of Agriculture was held at South Ryegate on Dec. 17th and 18th, 1888. Dr. Cutting was secretary, and E. R. Towle, M. W. Davis and A. E. Perkins, members of the board were present and took part. The Board strongly advised the formation of a Farmer's Club, and Mr. Pringle Gibson, who was chairman of an evening session, appointed a committee of five to arrange the details for such an organization. At a meeting of the farmers held on the 22d, the "Montpelier and Wells River Valley Dairyman's Association" was organized with W. J. Nelson, president, W. N. Gilfillan, secretary. For many years numerous meetings were held, where all the phases of farming were discussed, with the object of securing the best results from the best methods. Upward of 500 columns of reports were sent to newspapers, thus many received advantage from these meetings. The Association also did good work in helping secure the Oleo-margarine Law, and made a strong protest against a silver standard.

In due time an exhibition of farm products was considered and a Farmer's Club Fair was held on Sept. 12 and 13, 1888, located on land owned by Robert Arthur, between the railroad track and the river, only a small piece of dry ground which was cleared, was suited for the purpose. The plan was for a general exhibition of farm products, stock, tools, etc. Diplomas were offered on a scale of 100. There was music and a picnic dinner, and the affair was a success. A special feature was an exhibition by the boys and girls of produce and handwork of their own. This was one of the first exhibitions of the kind in this section. No names were allowed on articles for prizes. Then the article was judged on its own merits.

Naturally there was a fine display of dairy stock—sometimes 100 head were exhibited, sometimes 100 head by a single owner. The exhibit of butter was often fine, and an expert judge was employed. There were several balloon ascensions, good bands, and well known speakers. These fairs were well patronized, attracting people from several counties, and were kept up for sixteen years. Why were they discontinued? Mainly because the burden of the work involved came upon a few farmers already having all they could do, and unequal to the added toil and responsibility.

This trouble is nation wide, and many enterprises suffer because the farmer has more to do and less help. Is it possible that we have been educating our young people to leave the farm? Is it not possible to correct this error, and save them for the home life in work which Washington declared to be the most healthful, the most useful and most noble employment of man?

The last fair was held on Sept. 6th and 7th, 1905, and when the gate was closed for the last time a feeling of sadness came over those who had tried so long to make it a success. We believe in home fairs, and the friendly competition of neighbors in prizes given for merit, when the average farmer feels at home and knows he has a fair chance to get a square deal.

Soon after the first fair a corporation was formed known as the "Caledonia Park Association." The grounds were graded, the brook turned, suitable buildings were erected, generous premiums offered, and a full fledged fair held for many years. Much valuable time, and many thousands of dollars were put into the enterprise.

Prominent from the start in the Farmer's Club were the families of W. J. Nelson, Geo. Cochran, J. B. Nelson, John McCall, W. W. Wright, A. M. Whitelaw, Henry Whitchee, Geo. N. Park, D. Buchanan, J. Dickey, Albert Hall, N. H. Ricker, W. T. McLam, R. H. Gates, Mrs. Carl Nelson and A. A. Miller.

Later, in the Park Association, and fair business were—James Johnston, Thos. A. Meader, Teaton D. Nelson, Dr. G. W. Darling, Geo. G. Nelson, N. A. Park, F. J. Tewksbury, O. H. Renfrew, and Robert Farquharson, who moved things, carried the burdens, while many others did what they could, all giving their time, usually without price. After the fairs were discontinued, the grounds were sold to James Craigie, and used in the granite business, and for wood and lumber yards.

Farmers' socials were held in the homes, where the ladies conducted discussions regarding home life and its problems. These gatherings were fine for their social value, and bright ideas were brought directly to the minds of the men who thus found out things needed, or changes that should be made to make home happier.

The Grange in some degree keeps up the work of the farmers' clubs. There is great need for farmers to get together in some way, for their problems are many and difficult to solve.

Blue Mountain Grange No. 263 of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry was organized in the Town Hall at Ryegate April 25th, 1898 by special Deputy R. B. Galusha.

Following is a list of the charter members:

Mr. and Mrs. David Buchanan,
Mr. and Mrs. George Cochran,
Nelson G. Cochran,
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bedell,
Mr. J. R. W. and Miss Mary Beattie,
I. H. Gilfillan.
Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Jaynes,
Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Nelson,
Mr. and Mrs. Y. D. Nelson,
Mrs. C. J. and Claude E. Nelson,
Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Sylvester.

Following is a list of the Masters, Treasurers, and Secretaries from time of organization to present date.

1898	{	Master—G. G. Nelson,
and	{	Treas.—J. R. W. Beattie,
1899	{	Sec.—I. H. Gilfillan.
	{	Master—T. A. Meader,
1900	{	Treas.—D. Buchanan,
	{	Sec.—C. E. Nelson.
	{	Master—Geo. Cochran,
1901	{	Treas.—D. Buchanan,
	{	Sec.—T. A. Meader.
	{	Master—I. H. Gilfillan,
1902	{	Treas.—C. F. Smith,
	{	Sec.—L. J. Meader.
	{	Master—C. F. Smith,
1903	{	Treas.—H. S. Powers,
	{	Sec.—L. A. Boardway.
	{	Master—C. F. Smith,
1904	{	Treas.—H. S. Powers,
	{	Sec.—F. M. Powers.
	{	Master—C. F. Smith,
1905	{	Treas.—I. H. Gilfillan,
	{	Sec.—F. M. Powers.
	{	Master—C. E. Nelson,
1906	{	Treas.—C. F. Smith,
	{	Sec.—F. M. Powers.
	{	Master—C. E. Nelson,
1907	{	Treas.—C. F. Smith,
	{	Sec.—F. M. Powers.
	{	Master—H. S. Powers,
1908	{	Treas.—C. F. Smith,
	{	Sec.—F. M. Powers until May, when she resigned and I. H. Gilfillan was elected secretary.
	{	Master—Geo. Anderson,
1909	{	Treas.—C. F. Smith,
	{	Sec.—I. H. Gilfillan.
	{	Master—N. G. Cochran,
1910	{	Treas.—W. S. Lackie,
	{	Sec.—E. M. Nelson until June, when she resigned and I. L. Buchanan was elected.
	{	Master—Leslie F. Hall,
1911	{	Treas.—W. S. Lackie,
	{	Sec.—Ina Lou Buchanan.

In August, 1899 the grange voted to buy the old schoolhouse at Rye-gate Corner. Y. D. Nelson, T. A. Meader, and George Cochran were

appointed committee and the building was purchased for (\$90) ninety dollars and George Cochran was appointed trustee to receive the deed. Repairs were made on the hall and was first occupied in Dec. 1899. In May 1900 the hall was paid for and an organ purchased.

In March, 1902, land was purchased of M. J. McLam and plans were discussed for rebuilding the hall, but not until two years later was the financial condition of the society such as to enable them to execute their plans, but in the spring of 1904 a building committee of three, namely—D. Buchanan, G. Cochran and J. L. Shackford, were appointed to superintend the reconstruction of the building. The repairing was completed and the hall dedicated Feb. 24, 1905.

There are sixty-seven members enrolled at the present date, Dec. 6, 1910. Applications for memberships have been constantly received throughout the past year and the society is now in a more prosperous condition than it has been for several previous years.

Respectfully submitted,

INA LOU BUCHANAN, Secretary.

The town had been settled about fifty years before labor saving machinery and appliances began to come into use. Swings for shoeing oxen came about 1810, and the iron plow about 1820. The plow of early date was of wood, with an iron point, and plates of iron were attached to the wing and show where the wear came. The first winnowing mill was brought into Haverhill about 1815; probably not earlier, here. The bent scythe snath began to be used about the same time. Harrows were made from crotched trees, with teeth hammered by the local blacksmith, and nothing ever used cost so much labor with so little result as these old fashioned harrows. The cultivator began to be used not far from 1850. We have not been able to learn when or by whom the first horse rake or mowing machine were used in Ryegate. The first horse rake in Newbury was used in 1835, and the first mowing machine, a crude affair, in 1853. The first machines had but one wheel, the cutter-bar extended at right angles and could not be raised or lowered. The scythe could not be stopped while the team was in motion except by taking it out.

Mowing was a fine art in those days, and there were men who did nothing but mow during haying. There are people who can remember seeing eight or ten men mowing at once in the same field their scythes keeping time.

The wages of farm labor have steadily increased with the diminishing supply. Down to about 1840, eight dollars per month, "and found" was called good pay for the season. In haying and harvest a dollar a day was sometimes paid for extra help. These wages seem pitifully small, but the hired man was as well paid proportionally as any one, and usually saved enough in a few years to buy a good farm. Help is now scarce and dear. But the personal equation is the final test. Some men are cheap at forty dollars a month and some are dear at board wages.

Carpenters were a little better paid. In 1798 a carpenter's pay was about five shillings or 84 cts. per day. In 1810, one dollar a day was sometimes paid to a good workman who found his own tools. In 1820 shaved spruce shingles were sold for \$2 per M., hemlock boards for \$6 and clear pine, "old" pine, for \$10 per M. Jonas Tucker of Newbury, who did the mason work on the brick house at the Corner, in 1830, was paid \$1 25 per day. He was a skillful mason, and would now command three times that price. The mason does his work in the same manner as his predecessor did seventy years ago, while the work of a carpenter, owing to the aid of machinery is much changed.

CHAPTER XX.

HOME LIFE IN EARLY DAYS.

LINEN SPINNING.—WEAVING.—CANDLE MAKING.—DOMESTIC PURSUITS.—SOCIAL CUSTOMS.—SINGING SCHOOLS.—WRITING SCHOOLS.

IN this chapter we propose to say somewhat about certain household occupations which have either passed wholly into disuse, or are only occasionally exercised by a few elderly persons. We are mindful of the fact that most of these are of so recent employment as to be well remembered by many who do not call themselves old by any means, but considering also that in a half century hence these employments and domestic pursuits will be only traditionary, their details will then become interesting, and will add value to our narrative.

We have mentioned the domestic manufacture of woolen and linen cloth without giving any account of the process by which the flax and wool were converted into fabrics for wear.

Flax seed was usually sown about the first of May, broadcast like grass seed, and in new cleared land it grew luxuriantly. Hemp seed was also sown, but hemp was used only for coarse goods. Flax has beautiful flowers of clear blue, and the plants are graceful, while hemp grows rank and the blossoms are dull. When the flax was ripe, which was usually about the middle of July, it was pulled up by the roots, and laid out carefully to dry in the sun for a few days, and was turned two or three times a day till thoroughly cured. The stalks were then drawn through a coarse comb with teeth of wood or wire, fastened in a plank, to detach the seeds which were carefully saved for seed or for sale, as there was always a demand for them. The stalks were then tied in bundles, the band being around the seed end, the base of the bundle being spread out. Sometimes the flax was not tied, but was much easier handled, thus. It was then spread on the ground, the tops all one way, and kept thoroughly wet for several days until the hard and woody substance forming the stem of the plant was rotted, and the leaves would fall off when shaken. This step in the process completed, it was then dried, and tied in bundles, the next thing being to "break" it.

The "flax break" was a heavy log of hard wood about five feet long, a hewed side being set level about three feet from the ground, and several



BRICK BLOCK, SOUTH BEACH, BUILT BY M. H. GIBSON, 1900.

long slats were firmly fastened to it, lengthwise on the upper or flat side. A similar set of slats, set in a heavy frame, and far enough apart to go into the spaces between the lower slats, was hinged to one end of the log, and heavily weighted at the other. The flax was laid on the lower slats, and the upper frame, or knives, as they were often called, was brought down with great force upon the stalks. A second beating was made with a "break" in which the "knives" were set close together. Beating flax was very hard work, and used as a unit of comparison with all other kinds of toil. Flax was then "swingled" by being beaten over a block of wood with a long wooden instrument shaped like a dirk, to take out any woody particles which had escaped the impact of the break. Breaking and swingling were done in the open air in sunny weather, when the flax was as dry as it could be. Thirty-five or forty pounds of flax was a good day's work for a strong man to swingle.

We may understand how strong and tenacious the flax is to stand all this beating, but it is by no means yet prepared for spinning, for the next process was called "striking" when the fibers were made into bundles and pounded with a beetle, after being cleaned, and the fibers were then drawn through an instrument called a "hetchel." This was made of strong iron prongs, about five inches long, sharpened at one end, and inserted upright in a board. About fifty of these were set in a base of hard wood five inches square, and the flax, slightly wetted, was drawn through them, towards the operator, when all the woody particles were combed out, as well as all the short and defective threads, and the tow separated and removed. Sometimes the flax was drawn through several "hetchels" of successive degrees of fineness, and the fine filaments which survived this process were laid out in long strands, ready for spinning.

A few flax wheels or "little wheels," as they were often called, are preserved in Ryegate, and are beautiful specimens of workmanship. In the early years most carpenters had a lathe, and did very good turning, but the making of flax wheels was a special trade, and a man who made them usually did nothing else. We wish it were possible to preserve the names of some of these skillful artisans, but none are living who remember them.

The wheel was turned by a treadle, and the spinner kept her fingers moist with water while at her task. When spun, the threads were wound on a reel, forty revolutions of which, about eighty yards of thread, made a "knot," twenty knots making a "skein," and to spin two skeins was a good day's work.

Even then the process was not complete, for several washings, rinsings and bleachings were necessary before the thread was ready for the

loom. In early times, and perhaps in Ryegate it was considered the proper thing for a young woman about to be married to be able to show her wedding outfit, spun, woven and made up by her own hands. The immigrants from the north of Ireland who came here about the opening of the 19th century, brought some new ideas which were readily adopted by Ryegate people. But the cultivation of flax, and the manufacture of linen ceased long ago in this town, and the mechanical processes which we have described are now carried on by machinery in those parts of the country where flax is raised in great quantities.

Some years before the linen industry died out in this part of the country, spinning machines came into use, and superseded the hand process. In 1834 William Chalmers, who had been a linen spinner in Scotland, came to Newbury, and later, imported spinning machinery from the old country, and carried on the business of thread and cordage making for many years at Corinth Centre.

The manufacture of the finest grades of linen cloth was considered a fine art a century ago, and Mr. Miller mentions several ladies of the olden time who were skilled in it, and beautiful specimens of their work are carefully preserved by their descendants, who often know nothing whatever of the way in which they were made.

In preparing wool for making cloth, the fleece was carefully picked over, and all the rough pieces thrown out, when it was washed, and dried.

Before weaving came coloring, and there were secrets in the art which were handed down from mother to daughter as a family inheritance. The dyes were nearly all vegetable ones, and there were plants and barks which were especially valued. The account book of Thomas Barstow, before cited, mentions only one commercial dye—indigo—which retailed at two shillings or 34 cts. an ounce.

Some people always kept one or two black sheep, and mixed their fleece with white wool, making a pretty grey called "sheep's grey." It would thus seem that the "black sheep in the flock" may be made of good use after all.

Before spinning came carding and the wool being carefully greased was manipulated with cards like cattle cards. The process was thus: The operator took a card in her left hand, resting it on her knee, and drew a tuft of wool across it a number of times till the wire teeth were full. Then with a second card, slightly warmed, the wool was deftly worked into a "roll" for spinning. Wool combing was a different and more trying process, and it was not much employed in Ryegate, but the thread produced by it was superior to any other. It is doubtful if any one is

left who can card wool, as the process went out of use with the introduction of carding machines, but forty years ago there were old ladies who would take the cards and work up a few rolls when they ran short.

Carding machines were introduced from England by a man named Standrin, first manufactured near Boston, Mr. Asa Gookin being associated with him in the business. Mr. Gookin made and patented several improvements and about 1799 they removed their business to Haverhill, N. H., and made carding machines at the falls on the Oliverian, north of Haverhill Corner, then, and for many years after, a center of manufacturing enterprise. Their machines soon drove out hand carding and were sold to all parts of the country and Canada. One of Mr. Gookin's machines was in use in this vicinity within a few years.

Spinning is still carried on in Ryegate, although to a limited extent, and it is not necessary to describe a process which has been unchanged for centuries. Spinning, unlike weaving, was entirely woman's work, and there are elderly ladies here who remember that they learned to spin when too small to reach the wheel, and had to stand upon a plank. When the spindle was filled the thread was wound upon the reel, each revolution making two yards. Forty turns or eighty yards made a knot, and seven knots a skein. To spin six skeins was a good day's work for a smart woman. In the illustration of the ancient kitchen of the James Whitehill house the flax-wheel, the spinning wheel and the clock reel are represented.

In many houses a room was set apart for weaving, sometimes a small building was erected for the purpose. Looms may still be in occasional use, and are, literally heirlooms, as a well constructed loom will outlast several generations of operators. A loom had to be accurately constructed to do good work, and there were weavers in early days whose work, on specially constructed looms, seems marvelous. Gen. A. H. Hill in his account of Groton for Miss Hemenway, tells of Archibald McLaughlin, who invented a loom on which his wife wove a coat in one piece, sleeves, collar, lapels and all. This coat was taken to Washington by Gen. Mattocks and exhibited to Congress, who presented the inventor with a reward of fifty dollars for his ingenuity. It would seem that inventive genius so unusual should have been encouraged to direct its labors into channels which would have brought the inventor both fame and wealth. He went west in 1837.

There were weavers who wove very intricate patterns, and in the History of Windham, N. H., it is mentioned that a piece was woven using fourteen treadles, giving many combinations of color. Weaving need not be described here, but a word may be said about the shuttles,

some of which are carefully preserved. There was a man in Danville whose name the writer can neither recall or ascertain who made shuttles which were considered superior to all others, just why is not remembered.

Reed making was a special art and the reeds or "sleys," as they were sometimes called, were thin strips of cane or metal, inserted side by side, fastened at both ends in strong parallel strips of wood, as long as the width of the loom permitted.

The warp threads were passed between each pair, and the number of these to the inch indicated the fineness of the cloth, or the "set of the web" as it used to be called. For very fine linen there might sometimes be sixty of these thin strips to the inch. Reeds for common weaving of woolen cloth had about twenty strips.

John Cochrane, who lived in Newbury near the Bradford line, was a reed maker, and supplied the reeds for looms over a wide extent of country. A daughter of his, who died in Newbury, Jan. 16, 1909, in her 102d year, recalled, when in her hundredth year, how she accompanied her father when a child of seven years, in one of his rounds through Ryegate, Barnet, Peacham and Danville, where he stopped at nearly every house to inspect repair or replace the reeds in the looms, which were then found at every farm.

The weaving itself was comparatively plain and simple work, but experience, patience and constant care were indispensable to properly wind the warp upon the beam and have each thread carefully drawn through the harness and reed. The number of yards woven in a day depended upon the fineness of the cloth. In weaving broadcloth of about thirty threads to the inch, three yards was a good day's work, in which the shuttle was thrown over three thousand times, the treadles pressed down, and the "batten" (the swinging frame in which the reed was secured) was swung against the cloth the same number of times. In weaving intricate patterns where several colors in both warp and filling were used, all the skill and experience of the weaver were called into action. On many farms there was a small piece of grassy ground, near the house and contiguous to a spring or running brook called the "bleaching-field," which may in one or two instances still bear the name, and near which the linen cloth was spread out for bleaching during several weeks, and slightly wetted each day.

Some one has remarked that between the sowing of the seed and the time when fine linen was ready for making up, the product passed through no fewer than thirty different processes, occupying about eighteen months. It was the great amount of labor put into the work that made the high price of fine linen.

We must not fail to note that such domestic arts as spinning and weaving gave employment incidentally to many persons, from carpenters who constructed the looms to cabinet makers who made flax-wheels, shuttles and the like.

"The light of other days" was a tallow candle in an iron candlestick, whose absence was supplied by a block of wood with a hole to receive the candle. Dr. Currier remembers attending a writing school kept by John Bigelow in the Whitelaw schoolhouse, which was lighted by tallow candles stuck in potatoes. But in general the evening light came from the open fire, the candle being used to read or work by or to go about the house with. Most families had brass candlesticks for ornament of the parlor mantle, and for use on state occasions. To burn more than one candle at a time bordered on extravagance. In our time, when many of our houses are flooded with brilliant light by a turn of the fingers, such evenings seem far away, yet people not yet turned of sixty can remember when candles furnished almost the only light in the houses. Candles are still made by being run in moulds, but in early days they were made by dipping, which is almost a forgotten art. A smart woman with sufficient assistance in keeping up a fire and handling the heavy kettles, could dip about two hundred candles in a day.

It cannot be ascertained at what period oil lamps came into occasional use in this town, certainly not before 1820, as Mr. Livermore thinks there were not more than one or two at that date in Haverhill Corner, which was understood at that time to lead in every improvement.

Illuminating gas was introduced into Boston about 1822, and its brilliant light was one of the wonders which were dwelt upon by the privileged few who made a visit to the metropolis. An uncle of the writer who about 1830 was a merchant in the upper part of the Kennebec valley, was about starting for Boston one morning, when one of his neighbors came in, an old gentleman, and asked him to make a purchase in the city. "My eyesight is getting poor," said he, "and I cannot see to read by candle light. Now I have heard a great deal about gas, and the wonderful light it makes. I want to try it, and, Mr. Palmer, if you will bring me home a shillings worth of gas, I will be glad to pay you for your trouble."

Sperm oil gradually came into use and was better than candle light, but the lamps were smoky and ill-smelling. Kerosene was introduced in 1858, and was preceded by several compounds, one of which, called camphene, gave a brilliant light, but was highly explosive.

Friction matches were invented about 1832, and came into general use within a few years. Before that time the only way to start a fire

was by striking a spark with flint and steel. It was a principle of domestic economy never to let the fire go out on the family hearth, and the coals were carefully covered with ashes at bed time. But in spite of all precaution the fire sometimes went out, and there may be one or two old people who can remember when they were sent to a neighbors "to get some fire."

The first stove in this part of the country is understood to have been set up about 1795, in the house of Rev. David Goodwillie at Barnet, by his brother who was a tinsmith at Montreal. Stoves for heating were certainly in use as early as 1800, and cooking stoves of some kind were made at Franconia as early as 1820. In 1828, and perhaps earlier, E. & T. Fairbanks were agents at St. Johnsbury for the Franconia Iron Works, and kept a stock of stoves, kettles, plows and other iron ware made at Franconia, where the industry ceased forty years ago and more.

In those early days when transportation of heavy articles was expensive, such manufacturing establishments appointed selling agents in different parts of the country, from whence their products were distributed. In 1830 the Tyson Furnace Company of Plymouth, Vt., erected a large building at Newbury for the storage and sale of their products. But the early cooking stoves were crude, and not popular for baking, and the brick oven was in general use until about 1860, and may be still in one or two farm houses.

There will be no brick ovens left soon, and the quality of their product will be only a tradition, but no one who ever tasted the bread and beans which the old brick ovens produced will ever believe that any modern range, however constructed, can produce viands which equal their delicious flavor. The drawback was the time and labor required to get the mass of masonry into the proper heat. The oven was filled with finely split wood, replenished until the bricks were thoroughly heated, the smoke escaping through a hole into the chimney. When properly heated the fire was drawn, the oven swept, and filled with joints of meat, pots of beans, loaves of bread, pies and cakes. The mouth of the oven was closed, the mass of brick gave out a steady heat, and the oven could be safely trusted to bake to a turn each article intrusted to its keeping, the experienced housewife withdrawing from time to time the various edibles according to the time necessary to cook them. But for common baking the open fire was used, and various contrivances were employed to hold the bread while being cooked.

Mr. Mason says that barley, prepared in several ways, was much used by the first settlers, and that some were slow to like the taste of corn bread, preferring the oatmeal of their native land.

At no other time, and in no other occupation were all the members of a family so closely associated as in farming in the way it was carried on eighty years ago. The girls and younger women spread and raked hay, and were skillful reapers, husked corn, and milked. In many families there were elderly unmarried women, each of whom assumed the charge of some part of the domestic economy. One such is remembered, going about the farm, watching with maternal care over the young calves and lambs, sure to be seen in the cold spring rains, a sturdy figure among the hills, with a huge apron in which any chilled and shivering lamb found warmth and comfort.

In those days of large families it often happened that a man died leaving several small children for whom places were usually found among the neighbors or relatives, and couples, rare in those days, who had no children of their own, often opened their hearts and homes to the orphans. The children of the very poor were bound out by the authorities during minority, to receive, on coming of age, a certain sum in cash and valuables as a start in life. Sometimes this trust was misplaced, and once or twice at March meetings the authorities were directed "to look into certain reports regarding the — children." Let us hope that they went to the bottom of matters. But there were excellent men and women in Ryegate who owed their success in life to their careful training by those who "took them to bring up."

In early days, and down to the time when girls began to go to Lowell and other places to work in the mills, the only occupations open to women were teaching, sewing, domestic service, and the care of the sick, all very poorly paid. We have already noted the wages paid to teachers. Tailoresses and seamstresses were a little better paid, often, however, in farm produce, or home made cloth.

Housekeepers of our day must sigh for those days when the best possible domestic help could be had for seventy-five cents a week, and this, as old account books show, was the common price seventy years ago. In special cases a dollar a week was paid, and, not infrequently domestic service continued for years. There was an instance in Haverhill where a woman was the trusted and beloved housekeeper in one family for thirty-five years, and the tie which bound her to the household was as strong as that which bound its members to each other.

The cash expenses of a family in fair health in those days were so small, that almost all the money which came in was clear gain. At the sixtieth wedding anniversary of Nathaniel Roy and wife of Barnet about thirty-five years ago, it was stated that the family, although well-to-do and hospitable, had not in all those years, bought a pound of sugar or

meat or flour. The farm had produced all that the household required, and this was a common case. Mr. Miller mentions a family in this town in which the cash expenditures did not average more than twenty-five dollars a year during thirty years. All was produced or obtained by barter.

These things are within the memory of many not yet old. But such have been the changes, and so many are yet to come, that sixty years hence it will be hard to conceive conditions like those we have described.

Ryegate as it then was, constituted a self-supporting community, and if the town had been surrounded by a wall or turned into an island and put out to sea, its inhabitants would have got along about as well as before.

But after all is said that can be said, we live in better days. Our houses are better built, we are better clothed, our roads are better, and although we may not have a greater plenty of food, we have a greater variety of it, and we draw upon distant states and foreign countries to supply our tables.

Communication, then slow and tedious, is instantaneous. In those days a journey to Boston and back required almost a week, and a trial of endurance. We breakfast in Ryegate, dine in Boston, and are home before sun set. The standard of living is higher; the facilities for reading and education are incomparably better; our opportunities are vastly greater. And when we have concluded these comparisons, and congratulated ourselves upon all these changes, most of them for the better, some personal questions arise which are not easy to answer or to evade.

It is the testimony of all whose memories extend through many years that there is at the present time nothing like the sociability which people had in earlier days—that families do not visit as people did then, that there is not the interest felt in neighborhood affairs, and that in time of sickness or trouble people do not help each other as they used to do, but call in strangers who for hire perform those offices which were once rendered by the kindness of neighbors and friends. That this is true cannot be denied, but the cause lies in the changed conditions of society, and we do not believe that hearts are less warm or sympathetic because people are no longer dependent upon personal meetings to learn of each other's welfare, or because they hire a trained nurse in sickness, rather than depend upon the good offices of neighbors and kindred.

Two institutions,—writing schools and singing schools—which, in other years had a large share in the social life of the young people, seem to have passed away, and there is little on record concerning either, but Mr. Goodwin remembered both as being held at the Corner as long ago as 1827. Writing schools were serious and practical in their nature, and

their attendance was limited, but the witchery of the singing school drew the young people from far and near. The entertainment there provided was innocent of harm, practical and uplifting. Many thus received their first impressions of music. In these gatherings pleasure and instruction were about equally mingled; where acquaintances were made, friendships formed, and around which gather the happiest memories.

The psalmody of those days in Ryegate gave little encouragement to elaborateness in church music, but there were some fine performers upon stringed and wind instruments. Seventy years ago, according to Dr. Currier, there still remained several skilled manipulators of the bagpipes, and there have been some fine performers on the cornet and the violin. Gen. Whitelaw, according to old letters, was a creditable performer upon the latter instrument, and the fame of Willie Brock, son of Dea. Andrew Brock, has come down to our day.

"When Willie fiddled, sir, folk had to dance whether they liked or no, they couldna help themselves." There must have been something marvelous in his playing if we may judge from the accounts of old people, and his fame was by no means local, as he was often called upon to furnish music at assemblies as far away as Plymouth and Littleton. After him Robert Henderson and others were well known.

Balls and dances were discountenanced by the more serious portion of the community, yet such there were, and the old taverns usually had a large room which was set apart for such gatherings.

CHAPTER XXI.

PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

PHYSICIANS.—THE INSANE.—LAWYERS.—MERCHANTS AT THE CORNER.—AT SOUTH RYEGATE.—THE OLD MILITIA.—MASONRY.—AN HISTORIC FAKE.

THE first physician to attend a case in Ryegate was Dr. Gideon Smith of Newbury, as there is an item in the Company's book to that effect, March 10, 1774. There was no educated physician here till Dr. Perry came, at least for any length of time, although there were one or two who claimed some acquaintance with the healing art, and practised to a small extent, but the town was dependent upon its neighbors for medical service. Dr. Samuel White settled in Newbury as a physician in 1773, and continued in practice till near his death, Jan. 25, 1848, in his 98th year. Dr. White was for many years the principal physician in this region, and had a large number of patients in Ryegate. He lived most of the time, after 1806, on Jefferson Hill, and is buried there. He was a surgeon in the revolutionary war, and had twelve children, none of whom ever married, and the family is extinct. Two of his account books which are owned by Mrs. Z. A. Richardson of St. Johnsbury, begin in 1773, and end in 1782. These give us some idea of the state of medical science during the early days of Ryegate's settlement. His charge for a visit in this town was from three to five shillings, medicine being extra. In these two books about one hundred and forty remedial agents are mentioned. Physic stands first, same sort being used over fifteen hundred times. Bleeding was common. Scarcely a dozen surgical operations are mentioned, and these were simple fractures of arms or legs. The oldest people in town remember Dr. White very well. He was a very genial man, inspiring confidence. Some one has said that "more people were cured by their faith in Dr. White's skill than by the skill itself!"

Mr. Goodwin said that a Dr. Franklin, the same who is mentioned as a schoolmaster on p. 159, was in practice in this town about 1829, but went away and became eminent in the profession.

Dr. Perry began practice about 1825, and since that date there has always been an educated physician in Ryegate. Dr. Darling and son

have been in practice here since 1861. Several doctors from other towns had many patients in Ryegate, among them Dr. John McNab, at McIndoes and Wells River, Dr. Nelson at Barnet, and his son Dr. James R. Nelson at Wells River.

It would be interesting if we had the space, to say somewhat of the changes in the study and practice of medicine in the past century. In early days there were no medical colleges where the science was taught, or hospitals where the student might acquire experience. A young candidate for medical practice "studied" with a physician; that is, he read his books, took care of his horse, rode about with him on his rounds, and gradually became intrusted with his simpler cases. It was not till about 1795 that the first medical school in this part of the country was established in connection with Dartmouth College, by Dr. Nathan Smith. For several years Dr. Smith was the entire faculty and a very capable one too, one of the most eminent physicians of his time. He was once sent for to conduct a very difficult surgical operation in Barnet, which he performed successfully in the presence of several physicians. After the operation the father of the boy who had been treated, asked the amount of the fee. Dr. Smith said "Mr. — I want you to tell me, as nearly as you can, how much you are worth." The reply was given. "Then sir, I shall charge you fifty dollars."* A biography of Dr. Smith was published several years ago.

Ryegate seems to have been remarkably free from epidemics of all kinds, and when the spotted fever raged with great virulence in 1815, Mr. Mason says that there were only a few scattered cases here. But in other towns, especially in Warren, N. H., its visitation was severe, whole neighborhoods were almost depopulated, and entire families disappeared. In Bradford there were six deaths in one day. Nothing could check the disease, and people who were well in the morning died before night. It seemed finally to die out of its own accord. Dr. Wellman of Piermont, called to attend a patient in Warren, was himself taken sick and died before morning.

The beneficent progress of medical science is shown in the alleviated condition of the insane, and those who were born mentally or physically defective. The condition of the hopelessly insane was terrible, as there were then no asylums for treatment or safe keeping. Mr. Miller mentions the case of a man in Ryegate of a family now extinct here, who became violently insane, and was confined for several years in an out-building, where he was secured like a wild beast by a chain around his

* This anecdote was related to the editor many years ago by a person who was present.

body. A similar case occurred in Topsham. In Piermont a son of the Dr. Wellman whom we have just mentioned, was brought home from Boston a raving maniac. He was confined for more than twenty terrible years in a strong cage constructed in one of the chambers of his mother's house. About an hour before his death his reason returned to him. "He remembered only in the vaguest possible manner the long span of darkness through which he had passed, with the trouble he had caused and begged his mother to forgive."

The condition of those who were blind or deaf from birth, or who lost the sense of sight or that of hearing at an early age was pitiable. Until about the middle of the century there were no schools where either could be taught, and acquire training which made them self-supporting.

Physicians of the olden time, when the country was new, made their rounds on foot or horseback and in winter on snow shoes. Their labors were arduous, their pay was small, but in general, they were very superior men, their influence was wide and enduring.

The records in this volume show that several natives of Ryegate became physicians, and each, it is believed, practised with a fair degree of success.

The town has not been a fertile field for lawyers, and with the exception of Mr. Dunnett, whose practice began here, it is not believed that any one, regularly admitted to the bar ever was settled in the profession in Ryegate. In early years there was more litigation than now, and a better field for lawyers. When one consults the formidable list of lawyers in Haverhill, Bath and Peacham a century ago, and for many years before and after, the wonder grows how so many could have got a living—much more how many of them became wealthy. The disputes over land titles, now long settled, were a fruitful source of revenue for the legal profession, and in many cases when the ownership of land was the subject of litigation, the successful litigant found himself obliged to turn the property over to his lawyer in payment of his fees. It also seems that people went to law on less provocation than they do now. Mr. Miller mentions a case in which two men, one of them living in Ryegate, got into a dispute about a pound a tea and each spent several hundred dollars before the case was decided. There were men who were never happy unless they were in law with some one and seldom failed to have a case in court. Rev. David Sutherland says that when he came to Bath in 1804, Esq. Buck held a justice court at the village every Monday and was seldom without cases to try. Strong drink was at the bottom of the trouble in many cases. There is about one law suit now where there were five eighty years ago.

Mr. Mason says that John Cameron started the first store in Ryegate although neither he or Mr. Miller mention the year, but the town had been settled nearly forty years before a store was opened. Mr. Mason says that Alexander McDonald brought a small stock of goods and sold them at his house, where James R. Hunter now lives, the year before Cameron opened his store, which was where Mr. Thompson resides at the Corner. Mr. Cameron, who was usually called Judge Cameron, carried on a very extensive business along several lines, being a drover, an occupation in early days very important, requiring great sagacity, energy and capital. Capt. Wm. Page in 1879 told Mr. Miller that in 1817 Nutter and Wiggin opened a store at the Corner, which they conducted for some time. Mr. Nutter married a daughter of Andrew Brock and the store was in the Red Tavern.

Alexander Harvey was first a clerk for Mattocks & Newell of Peacham, and was sent by them to open a branch store at Ryegate Corner, in which he succeeded so well that he bought the goods and went into business on his own account, in 1818 or 1819, keeping a general country store, buying stock and produce, making frequent trips to Boston. He built the "old Corner Store" about 1818, Mr. Miller believed, but Mr. Goodwin thought it to have been built in 1816. The old store, one of the landmarks of Caledonia County, has thus been in constant mercantile use for nearly a century, and is almost unchanged without and within. The desk and counters are the original ones and this long low room has held several generations of Ryegate customers. In early days rum was sold as freely as anything else and "liquor enough was sold there to float a ship."

Mr. Harvey continued in business till January, 1835, when he sold to George Cowles. Mr. Cowles conducted the store alone till January, 1838, when he took his brother James into partnership, and the firm continued in business till October, 1844, when James retired, and removed from Ryegate. In 1865, Alexander Cochran bought Mr. Cowles out, and carried on business in the old store till 1889, when he sold out to John A. McLam, the present proprietor.

Mr. Mason says that in 1832 Pease & Bailey kept store in the Peters building, and, later, about 1837, John Morrill, and after him William Morrill kept store in the brick house.

The Morrills were merchants, inn-keepers, owned the stage line between Haverhill, N. H., and Stanstead, and were mail contractors. Andrew J. Morrill's name should be added to the list of postmasters at the Corner, as he held the office in 1841 and before. A receipted bill owned by Alfred Morrill of Benton, N. H., shows that the amount due

from the office was \$13.58 $\frac{3}{4}$ for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1840. The Morrills kept store at one time in a house which stood where Wm. McCanna now lives and which was burned in the fire of 1899. The post office was in that house.

This seems to conclude the list of merchants at the Corner in early days. In 1894 J. R. W. Beattie erected a two story building on the lot next south of the Reformed Presbyterian Meeting house, and fitted up a store in modern style, in which he conducted a successful business. On Aug. 16, 1899, the store took fire and was burned, the church also being destroyed. Since that date the Old Corner Store has held the entire mercantile business at the Corner, and the merchant who first occupied that building would find modern business methods as strange as the faces which he would see there now. The merchant of a century ago, and for long afterwards, was a trader, and was called such in general speech. Very little money was in circulation and he took his pay in farm produce, lumber, shingles or whatever the farmer had to spare. "All was fish that came to his net." If his credit was good the customer was allowed to run up a bill, which was balanced by a promissory note, by labor or by a "head or two of fat cattle." The latter were collected from time to time, and driven to market, as the merchant was often a cattle buyer as well. The "back room," cellar, and all available storage room were filled with the articles taken in trade, waiting to be sent to market. The butter brought in by a score of farmer's wives was worked over and packed in tubs for market. Upon his skill in disposing of the produce collected in the way of trade the prosperity of the merchant depended. If he was shrewd in bargains with his customers at home, and fortunate in his sales "down country," he grew rich. There were some traders with a genius for "swapping," and a keen eye for the best end of a bargain. His temptation was to attempt to carry too many lines of business, leaving too much to others. Mr. Goodwin said that Judge Cameron left the management of his store in charge of his clerk, while he pursued his other schemes, financial and political, a division of interests which brought about his ultimate failure. But others by assiduity, by an honesty and a kindness which won public confidence, laid the foundation of the modest fortunes of those days.

The principal merchants in this part of the country kept teams constantly on the road between here and Boston, to bring the lighter and most valuable goods, while the heavier merchandise was brought to Wells River by boat. But the Ryegate merchants never carried on such extensive business as some in Danville and Peacham.

The names of all who have been in trade at South Ryegate cannot be



OLD STORE AT RYEGATE. BUILT ABOUT 1818.



Loose.

PART OF GEN. WHITELAW'S HOUSE 15x30, STANDING ON HERMON
MILLER'S FARM UNTIL 1909.

recalled, but those who were in business for some time appear to have been as follows: The first store was opened by Charles Stuart about 1848, and was conducted by him till he went west in 1853. The second merchant in the place seems to have been Archibald Renfrew, from Nov. 1851 to Feb. 1853, when he sold to West Darling and Calvin Clark, who conducted business a few months. Mr. Stuart sold his store to John Peach and James White. Robert Nelson bought out Peach & White in the fall of 1855, and a year later, sold to George L. Hall. Mr. White who had been in business alone, and was postmaster, sold a half interest in his store to Mr. Hall, and they were in company till 1868, after which the latter continued in trade till 1886.

The opening of the "Swamp Road," in 1860, from South Ryegate to the Lime Kiln neighborhood in Newbury, brought more trade to the place. About 1863 Dr. John B. Darling opened a store at the corner of the road leading to Jefferson Hill, where he with his sons carried on an extensive business for many years. They bought also the Wilson store at West Newbury, a Mr. Adams who had been a clerk in the store of A. T. Stewart in New York City being their manager, at that place. This store was burned Feb. 21, 1888.

In 1891, William Terry, who had been engaged in peddling goods nearly twenty years, and resided just over the Newbury line, formed a partnership with Wm. T. George and A. T. Gay, under the firm name of Terry, George & Gay, who bought the stock of goods of J. B. Darling & Son, continuing business at the Darling stand for three years, when Mr. Gay sold his interest to the partners, and the firm became Terry & George. About seven years later Mr. Terry bought out the interest of Mr. George, conducting the business under his own name, Charles E. F. Miller owning a half interest, being a silent partner, this association continuing about six and a half years. In the meantime M. H. Gibson had erected the brick block, and put in a large stock of goods, while Mr. Terry, whose sons had grown up with him in the old Darling store desired larger quarters for his trade and the firm bought out Mr. Gibson's stock of goods and moved into the new store in June, 1906. They had been nearly sixteen years in the Darling store, and being the only general merchant in the place, their business during the last year amounted to above \$36,000. When the firm moved into the brick block, Mr. Terry feeling the need of change, sold his interest to his son, B. L. Terry, retaining the stove and farm machinery part of the business. Mr. Miller is still a silent partner in this concern.

Sly and Darling were also merchants in the village in its early days.

The opening of the railroad and the development of the granite busi-

ness attracted other merchants, and R. F. Carter set up a store and also a hotel in connection with the Ryegate Granite Works.

In 1892 Mr. Pringle Gibson, who had sold his farm near the Corner, erected a large building near the depot, and opened a general store, later taking his son into partnership, the firm name being P. Gibson & Son. They were succeeded by Harry W. Hibbard, who carried on the business along the same lines until burned out in the fire of 1898.

In 1902 Martin H. Gibson erected the present brick block in the "burned district," which contains the store of B. L. Terry and the post-office.

After the Terrys left the Darling building it was repaired, and A. T. Gay conducted a store there for some time, and was succeeded by Mr. Simpson. A Mr. Doten was in South Ryegate for some years in the watch, clock and fancy goods business and Mr. A. T. Gay conducted a similar one till burned out in the fire of 1898.

A. F. Mulliken operated a store for the sale of hardware in connection with his establishment at Wells River.

On the morning of Oct. 20, 1898, fire broke out in the livery stable of Charles Oakley which destroyed all the buildings between the railroad and the main street, from the depot to the road leading across the river. The general store of H. W. Hibbard, the stores of A. F. Mulliken and A. T. Gay, were burned together with the post office, a dwelling house occupied by Thos. McGuckin, and a stable owned by the Ryegate Granite Works. The loss, about \$30,000, was a severe blow to the place.

During the civil war, under the stimulus of an inflated currency, prices rose rapidly, and it was many years after its close that they resumed their normal rate. Flour sold at \$20 per barrel, print cloth could hardly be had at any price, wool brought \$1.00 a pound, butter fifty cents and most other articles in proportion.

We have not the space to enter into any detailed account of the weather here in Ryegate during the period of its history, but a few prominent occasions may be mentioned, which were landmarks in people's memories as long as they lived.

In the year 1788 it rained every day from the 27th of June till the 26th of August, and much hay and grain rotted on the ground. The following spring was late and cold, and it was not till the end of May that cattle got their living at pasture. But the rest of the year was fine and the season fruitful.

The history of Haverhill, Mass., says that the winter of 1779-'80, was remarkably long and cold, and for forty successive days, including the entire month of March, the snow did not thaw on the south sides of houses, as far south as that place. President Dwight, in relating the journey which we have mentioned in the opening sentence to this volume, says that on the 17th of February, 1802, a snow storm began which lasted a week, and it was estimated that more than four feet fell. On the other hand there were periods of remarkably warm weather in winter. In the month of December, 1794, the ground froze only once, and people kept on with their plowing and other fall work till after Christmas. The seasons from 1812 to 1816 were very cold and the times were hard, the second war with England occurring during that period. The year 1816 was long known as the "cold year" and the "famine year." The season was early and warm, and people hoped that brighter days had come. But the summer was very cold, there was frost in every month, and Moosilauke was white twice in July and three times in August. "On the 5th of June some masons who were building a brick house at Bath Upper Village were compelled to abandon their work until the 10th, as the mortar froze in the open air." The corn was entirely destroyed in that year—only a few saved enough for seed by building fires in their corn fields. Even the wheat did not fill, and had it not been for the remarkably heavy crop of oats many must have perished. Thousands of people subsisted on oatmeal who had never tasted it before; and the mill at Boltonville had to run night and day to grind the oats which were brought to it from every quarter, and then it was that people blessed the Scotch for having invented oatmeal. Money was very scarce and provisions were dear. There was much suffering from hunger, and even the well-to-do were hard pressed. Potatoes were an entire failure. Mrs. Eleanor Knight of Newbury, who could in 1908, remember that time very well, said that there were people who boiled potato tops and other greens for food, and would go long distances to get even them. "Children would talk about being good, for perhaps they would die when winter came, and would have nothing to eat." On the 15th of June about a foot of snow fell. On the 28th of August there was a frost which destroyed all vegetation, and the leaves on the trees. The next year was somewhat more genial but five inches of snow fell in Ryegate on the 15th of May, and on the 16th of June there was a hard frost which froze potatoes to the ground.

Much has been written about these famine years, but no adequate explanation of their cause can be found. There has been no recurrence of such a period. It must not seem strange that some became discouraged,

and, selling what they had in Ryegate, sought a more genial clime. Some of these prospered, others made their way back, poorer than they went.

On May 15th, 1834, came the great snow storm, from which old people dated the events of years before and after. The season was an early one, plum and apple trees were in full bloom, and much corn had been planted. Trees were in full leaf. On the 13th in the afternoon, it suddenly began to grow cold, the next day was cold and about daylight on the 15th it began to snow, and continued till ten o'clock, gathering at the rate of an inch in each ten minutes for two hours. Hon. John Bailey says that on Jefferson Hill in Newbury three feet fell, and there could hardly have been less on the Ryegate hills. Mr. Mason mentions a number of instances where people who went out to get horses, cattle and sheep from the hills became bewildered in the storm, and were rescued with difficulty. The next day was so cold that water froze in the houses, and it was not till the 17th that bare ground appeared. We should naturally suppose that all the apple and plum blossoms would have been killed, yet all the old people said that 1834 was a great fruit year. How little we understand the laws of vegetation?

Mr. Whitelaw, writing to Scotland on the 25th of June, 1780, made no mention of the "Dark Day," which was on the 19th, by which we may suppose that the phenomenon was not so remarkable in this part of the country as to cause him to write about it. We could wish he had observed, and given us some account of it in his precise and graphic manner, as it was observed and commented on in Newbury and Haverhill. The darkness was here supposed to be caused by smokes from clearing land, and it was not very dark at any time. Mr. Mason only says that people could not see to read in the houses without candles. In this locality the morning was fair with a light shower, and the day was very still. About ten o'clock it began to grow dark, and remained dark till evening.

In southern New England at noon it was too dark to see to read in the open air, and at four o'clock it was as dark as it usually is at midnight when there is no moon. Birds went to their nests, and some species flew into the houses, as if seeking human protection, while cattle came home from the pastures, uttering strange cries of distress. People thought that the end of the world had come, and in places where there were churches, people gathered in them and held services. It was the night of the full moon, but it was intensely dark, while all lights burned with great brilliancy. With sun rise the darkness passed away.

Scientific men have differed as to the cause of this strange occurrence. It has been thought that some meteor, or other wanderer through space came between the earth and the sun. The darkness was not observed

west of the Hudson. In his poem of Abraham Davenport, the poet Whittier has embalmed in literature an incident of that day.

The "Yellow Day," of September 6, 1881, will not be forgotten by those who are old enough to remember it.

The meteoric shower of Nov. 13, 1833, when thousands of meteors, some of them of dazzling brilliancy, fell in a few hours, was a wonderful occurrence and seen in all parts of the country.

Several buildings have been burned by lightning in this town, but it is believed that only one person has ever been killed by it. Elizabeth, daughter of Wm. McKindley, was killed by lightning Aug. 1, 1857, while raking hay. Some years ago a horse in the barn of Y. D. Nelson was killed by lightning, and a man who was caring for it was severely shocked, and injured by the horse falling upon him. Many years ago the barn of Wm. N. Gibson was struck and burned, after it was filled with hay and grain, a heavy loss. Thunder storms in winter are rare, but such have been. On the 18th of January, 1817, there was a thunder storm in the night which lasted two hours, and buildings were struck and burned in different parts of New England. While this chapter was being revised for the press, on the 2d of February, 1911, at 7.30 in the morning, with the mercury at 10°, there was brilliant lightning and heavy thunder, but no rain or snow. Buildings were struck in various places and a large barn was burned at Haverhill Corner.

We have mentioned in an early chapter that on the 14th of May, 1776, the inhabitants met to choose their military officers and chose James Henderson, Captain; Robert Brock, Lieutenant; and Bartholemew Somers, Ensign. This was the beginning of the old militia service in Ryegate, which lasted more than seventy years. We have no further information regarding this company, which comprised all the able-bodied men between the ages of sixteen and fifty, but the men were probably drilled regularly during the revolutionary war.

Military service in the colonies was necessary on account of the frequent Indian wars, and especially along the frontiers which were posts of danger, where it was desirable that all the people should have some acquaintance with military tactics. Militia service in Scotland was also compulsory, so that our colonists were doing no more than had been their custom at home.

The Ryegate company eventually became a part of the Fourth Regiment of the militia. Among the Johnson papers in the library at Newbury, is a petition to Governor Chittenden, written about 1785, which bears the signatures of the officers in this vicinity and which gives a little of its history.

It was organized in 1763, when there were scarcely any settlements in what is now Vermont, under the colony of New Hampshire, embracing the settlements on both sides of the river. In 1766 the Grants came under the authority of the colony of New York, and the few settlers on the west side of the river became part of the New York militia. In 1777 Vermont declared its independence, and the militia came under the authority of the new state. In 1785 the regiment comprised the companies in all the towns north of Thetford, in which there were settlers enough to form a company. The names of the companies in this petition indicate the progress of settlements in 1785; Fairlee, Moortown alias Salem, [Bradford], Newbury, Ryegate, Barnet, Littleton [Waterford] Lunenburg, Guildhall, Peacham, Corinth and Vershire. The staff officers of the regiment were, Thomas Johnson, Colonel; Frye Bayley, Lieut.-Col.; John Taplin, Major; Thomas Smith, Quartermaster. The commissioned officers of the companies in this vicinity were, Newbury—Remembrance Chamberlain, Capt., Joshua Bayley, Lieut., Moses Chamberlain, Ensign. Corinth—Abner Fowler, Capt., Mansfield Taplin, Lieut., Jonathan Lovewell, Ensign. Ryegate—John Gray, Capt., William Neilson, Lieut., Willoughby Goodwin, Ensign. Barnet—James Stuart, Capt., James Cross, Lieut., Moses Hall, Ensign. Peacham—Abiel Blanchard, Capt., John Skeels, Lieut., Jonathan Elkins, Ensign. The regiment was afterward commanded by Col. William Wallace of Newbury.

The old militia service was a great institution in its day, and had its political aspect also, and its social side. A captain in the militia was a great man in those days, and the title was a life estate, which he bore as long as he lived. All the able-bodied men, with few exceptions were enrolled and their only compensation for their time, travel and equipment, was exemption from poll tax. The state militia numbered about 25,000 from 1815 and was divided into four divisions, ten brigades, and thirty-five regiments, with from eight to twelve companies each. Most of the regiments had also a company of artillery, one of cavalry, one of light infantry, and sometimes more than one of each. "Each division was commanded by a major-general, with a division inspector, division quarter-master and two aids; each brigade by a brigadier general with a brigade inspector, quarter-master and one aid; each regiment by a colonel, lieutenant-colonel, and major with the customary staff, and each company by the captain, lieutenants and ensign, with the usual non-commissioned officers."

It will be seen that taking the state through there were a good many men bearing military titles—indeed in those days when you met a smart, enterprising stranger it would be the proper thing to address him as

"Captain;" if he had a military air you made your obeisance to the "Colonel"; if he "surveyed the field with eagle eye," you bowed down before the "General!"

Each regiment had its band, and each company a drum corps. Every man must be enrolled in the militia, but those who had time and money to spare formed themselves into independent companies, which were uniformed, and their equipments were of superior quality, while the regular companies were not uniformed, and were derisively styled "floodwood companies." The cavalry was spoken of as "The Troop," and its members as "troopers." These select companies usually bore some fine name like the "Lafayette Guards." They were very exclusive and as they drilled often, they were the crack companies, and held the places of honor at general muster. In the month of June the company met for "June training," and after haying came the "brigade muster," a great day indeed, when the entire brigade assembled for inspection, evolution and review by the governor and staff.

As a matter of curiosity we reproduce from the *North Star* of August 26, 1828, the regimental orders for the muster of that year:

STATE OF VERMONT

Head Quarters.

St. Johnsbury, Aug. 18, 1828.

BRIGADE ORDERS.

The Field Officers and Regimental Staff, the commissioned, non-commissioned officers and music of the First Regiment in the Second Brigade in the Fourth Division of the Militia of this State, are hereby ordered to rendezvous with the men under their command, armed and equipped as the Law directs for Military exercise at Maj. J. Kelsey's Inn, in Danville, on Friday the 12th of September next at 9 o'clock, A. M. After the inspection of arms and standing and passing reviews, the following manœuvres will be executed: For an explanation of which the officers are directed to the discipline established by law.

- 1st Passage of Lines.
- 2d Charge forward 1st company.
- 3d Change front to rear on 1st company.
- 4th Change front on 5th company, the left being thrown forward.
- 5th Column of attack.
- 6th Column of attack from line to front.
- 7th Close column of companies and deploy them.
- 8th By grand division and deploy them.
- 9th The line will advance in direct echelons of companies from the right flank with a parallel distance of six paces between the echelons.
- 10th Columns form line, faced to the rear.

By order of,

STEPHEN HAWKINS, Brig. Gen.

By G. W. WARE, Aid-de-Camp.

Mr. Miller has preserved many particulars regarding the old militia some of which we can use:

"Capt. John Gray was one of the earliest militia captains, and if I remember rightly the name "Capt. John Gray, 1779," was on the flag formerly used in Ryegate. William Nelson was probably made a captain of militia at some time."

The captains of the old militia company as near as can be ascertained were: James Henderson, John Gray, John Nelson, James Nelson, John Miller, George Nelson, Abraham Page, Andrew Warden, Robert Symes, Moses White, John Bigelow, W. M. Brock, Wm. G. Nelson, Wm. P. Page, John J. Nelson, Thos. Nelson, John Buchanan, Amos Noyes, William Hall, and John Cameron. Some of these served several years. Alexander Harvey was captain in the cavalry.

At the brigade muster held at Sutton in 1825, the Ryegate company was one of the largest and best drilled. In the following year an independent company of light infantry was organized, with Robert Symes, captain. It was called the Grenadier Company, and Mr. Miller says:

"The Light Infantry Company dressed in uniform, with glazed high leather caps, blue coats with bullet shaped buttons and white pantaloons, and composed of the choicest soldiers of the town, made a fine appearance on parade. For the four or five last years of its existence they had 'Pioneers' in it, dressed to resemble Indians, who were each armed with a large horseman's pistol, and a tomahawk. They generally marched in the front of the company, or on the wings, or next to the music, and often went scouting about. They began with about six pioneers, and afterwards increased to ten or twelve. About 1837 the Grenadiers were dissolved and the members had to return to the old floodwood militia. Its captains were: 1826, Robert Symes; 1827-'28, John Cameron, Jun.; 1829-'30, William Hall; 1831-'32, John Bigelow; 1833-'34, William Page; 1835, Robert Gibson 3d; 1836, Robert Cochran." About forty-five men were enrolled in this crack company.

John Cameron, Jun., Josiah Page and perhaps one or two more, were colonels. But Ryegate was never conspicuous in the old militia, none of the higher officers ever living here. The reason was that the early and more prominent commands in the militia were held by men who had been officers in the revolutionary war. Ryegate was not settled by revolutionary soldiers, while in other towns, Peacham and Danville for example, most of the early settlers had seen military service, and the officers of the war becoming prominent in the militia, their sons succeeded them in the possession of military titles. The Covenanters also, while not evading military service, would not take oaths, and were thus excluded from

commands. But the records will show that when the country was in danger the men of this town did their part, but it was mainly in the rank and file, where hard work had to be done, rather than in conspicuous positions where they might have achieved fame.

Not many years after the Light Infantry was disbanded the militia system began to come into disfavor, and at last became unpopular. A new generation with new ideas and different views of life had come upon the stage, and cared less for the military display which had charmed the fathers. It had outlived its usefulness, and militia service was felt to be a burden both useless and harmful. Farmers and laboring men rebelled against being called away from their own affairs for several days in each year, and undergo long marches and absence from home, at their own expense, and apparently without any good coming from it. The temperance reform, beginning in the early '40's to make itself felt, attacked the musters and trainings as schools of vice of all kinds. These great assemblages which drew all the inhabitants of a wide circuit together to witness the manœuvres of the militia, and hear the music of the bands, had an irresistible fascination for all the rough elements within reach. It was the custom for the men to meet at the captain's house and fire a salute, when the captain appeared and treated the men, and the mere drop thus imbibed in the early morning required frequent repetition during the day. Boys and young men learned there their first lessons in intemperance, and wise parents regarded the June training and annual muster with well grounded apprehension. Liquor of all kinds was more than free, it was even pressed upon boys hardly in their teens. The evolutions of the troops were usually concluded with a sham fight, in which several melancholy accidents resulted from the careless use of firearms in the hands of drunken men; and the disorderly scenes which closed the day disgusted sensible people. Mr. Miller mentions several instances of this character and the session records of both Ryegate and Barnet indicate how the churches were affected by the evils which accompanied the occasions of military display.

Prudent people devised expedients for evading military service, and in the last years of the system many openly defied the law compelling attendance. Mr. Miller says that the last training held in this town was in 1844, when only about one-half of those liable to do duty were in evidence. In the following year, the captain had urgent business out of the state at the time of June training, the men were not summoned, and a year or two later, all the militia laws were repealed. So passed ignominiously away one of the great institutions of old days.

After the St. Albans raid in 1864, a regiment of militia, composed

mainly of veterans, was organized for the defense of the northern frontier, and Wm. J. Henderson of Ryegate was appointed Major. This organization was not long needed. After the war a militia system was again organized, and eight regiments of 500 men in each were provided for, in which service was voluntary, but the men were equipped by the state, and paid for their time. A company was made up from Ryegate, Groton and Peacham, in which Albert M. Whitelaw was captain, and A. Park Renfrew, lieutenant. This company was soon disbanded, the law having been repealed.

So far as can be ascertained, although there have always been members of the Masonic fraternity in Ryegate, there has never been a lodge of Masons in this town. General Whitelaw was a Mason in Scotland and some others as well, but they were connected here with lodges in other towns. An attempt, however, to make Ryegate the scene of the earliest exemplification of Masonry in this state has been made known to us by the kindness of Dr. J. M. Currier. We will give and analyze the statement.

In an address delivered by Hon. Henry Clark at the dedication of Hiram Lodge at West Rutland, May 28, 1879, he stated that Rev. Dr. John Witherspoon, "President of the Scotch-American Land Company which settled the town of Ryegate," visited that place in May, 1774, and remained until July of that year. He professes to quote from a diary of Dr. Witherspoon's as follows, respecting this visit: "I have been on a "visit to my possessions in New Connecticut or New Hampshire Grants, "in the town of Ryegate, and there I convened my Masonic brethren in "informal Lodge and held a delightful re-union. There were present "brothers James Whitelaw, John Gray, Hugh Laughlin, Archibald Park, "William Gibson, James Nelson, John Cameron, Jonathan Coburn, and "my beloved brother in the ministry, Brother David Goodwillie." Mr. Clark says that "these were undoubtedly Scottish Masons as they were all emigrants from Scotland and this was probably the first assemblage of Masons, although not in organized form, held in this jurisdiction. It indicates at least their love of Masonry, whose mysteries they had received in their early home. In June, 1782 Dr. Witherspoon again visited this section of country and made the following memorandum in his diary: "June 24, 1782, my Masonic brethren assembled at the tavern, 'and without working tools or aprons, marched to the Presbyterian 'church, where I endeavored to portray the tenets of the Masonic order, 'as exemplified in the life of our great patron, St. John the Baptist. The 'Masons marched back to the tavern, where we all sat down to dinner.'"

This is a very interesting statement, which if true, is a most valuable contribution to the history of this town; if not true it is no history at all. This address was printed in pamphlet form, and this statement went the rounds of the press at the time. Let us look into this matter a little.

First. Dr. Witherspoon was never President of the Scotch-American Company, or even a member of it. He owned land which he sold to the Company.

Second. Mr. Whitelaw's letters to Scotland during the period named, make no mention of Dr. Witherspoon's visit, but speak of receiving letters from him. There were only a few settlers here in 1774 and they had just begun to clear land.

Third. Of the brethren whose names he gives as participators in these Masonic observances in 1774:—Hugh Laughlin came here from Ireland in 1799, Archibald Park was not born till 1780, William Gibson came here from Scotland in 1802, and Rev. William Gibson from Ireland in 1798. John Cameron came here in 1782, Rev. David Goodwillie did not leave Scotland till 1788, Jonathan Coburn was not born till a year later. It is a singular co-incidence, however, that these nine men mentioned are the subjects of brief biographies in the article upon Ryegate in Miss Hemenway's Gazetteer of Vermont and the veracious narrator of this event seems to have assumed their presence upon an occasion which happened before the birth of two of them.

Fourth. In regard to Dr. Witherspoon's visit in 1782, there was no church building in Ryegate at that time, or within many miles of it except the one at Newbury.

Fifth. The officials of the Boston Public Library know nothing of any diary of Rev. Dr. Witherspoon.

Taking all these facts into consideration the entire statement appears a little doubtful. Of the position of Ryegate in the Anti-Masonic controversy, we shall have occasion to speak later.

CHAPTER XXII.

POLITICS AND LATER MATTERS.

EARLY POLITICAL HISTORY.—THE NORTH STAR.—ANTI-MASONRY.—THE CIVIL WAR.

REYEGATE has never been a center of state politics. A purely agricultural community containing no large village, inhabited by industrious farmers, with no families of wealth and leisure to form a political aristocracy, is no field for an aspiring politician. Therefore, although citizens of this town have occasionally held county offices, such have been rather incidental than the results of ambition. In the whole history of the town only one name, that of James Whitelaw, stands out prominently in the annals of the state, and his, not as a politician or office-holder, but because of his remarkable ability in a single field of usefulness. It must also be remembered that a large and highly intelligent portion of the citizens have, from conscientious scruples, declined to mingle in the politics of the state by exercising the suffrage, or holding office. Consequently the town has been deprived of the public services of a large body of its most substantial citizens, and, in this respect, has been much like communities in other states where a large portion of the inhabitants are members of the Society of Friends.

But the Covenanters, although refraining from political strife, were, and are still, a most influential body, with very decided convictions, and their moral influence has been a power to be reckoned with where questions of right or wrong were concerned.

Mr. Mason says that in the earlier part of the last century the town was about equally divided between Democrats and Federalists. The former, of whose opinions Thomas Jefferson was the exponent, and of which he was the leader, held to universal suffrage, short terms of office, and state rights. The Federalists, of whom Alexander Hamilton was the exponent and John Adams the leader, believed in a suffrage with a property qualification, centralization of power in the Federal government, and internal improvements under the direction of Congress. Other questions some of which were of present or future importance, and others of so little consequence as to have been long forgotten, divided the people. James Whitelaw was the leader of the Federalists in this town; his

clear and decided opinions concisely and forcibly expressed, together with the weight which his high character and position gave him made his influence very great. But he cared little for politics as such, while James Henderson was a shrewd and sagacious politician. John Cameron, the leader of the other party, was a ready and fluent speaker, well-informed as to all the political questions of the day, and willing at any time to give well grounded reasons for his political faith. When he was in the legislature he was considered one of the best speakers in that body, and although his broad Scotch accent was new and unfamiliar to his audience, they were compelled to give closer attention to his speeches.

The list of representatives shows that Cameron represented the town for fourteen years between 1797 and 1832; at two elections there was no representative chosen, and in the remaining years the Federalists elected their candidates. Mr. Mason says that in 1819, Cameron and James Henderson were the opposing candidates, when the people were so evenly divided that balloting continued till midnight, when the clerk and constable left the house, leaving the town without a representative.

We must understand that in those days people were influenced politically in other ways than they are now. Personal influence was everything. Jefferson, Jackson, Clay and Webster represented certain principles and people followed their leaders without hesitation. In those days there was not probably a daily paper taken in this state; now every intelligent family has its daily paper. In those days a Boston paper was several days old when it got here; now the morning papers are in our hands before noon. There were several short lived attempts at newspaper publication in eastern Vermont, but none lasted long or had much influence till 1806, when Ebenezer Eaton began at Danville the publication of the *North Star*. Mr. Eaton was a most worthy man, personally, but a bitter partisan who believed that the welfare of the country depended entirely on the success of his particular party. He was honest and fearless, and when he believed a thing was wrong he fought it with all his might, without calculating the effect upon his subscription list, an example generally avoided by country editors at the present time. Danville, from which diverged several lines of stages, was then the county seat, and the center of considerable trade. For many years, between the Connecticut River and Lake Champlain, north of Windsor, there was no other permanent paper, except at Montpelier, and the *North Star* had pretty much to itself, a field comprising a population of twenty-five thousand, two-thirds of which was in Caledonia County, Orleans and Essex supplying the rest. Almost every family of any consequence took it. The late Merrill Goodwin learned to read from the

Star, and other children did the same. But Mr. Eaton, although an able editor, was not a good business man; he never owned the printing office where the work was done, he was negligent in money matters, and always in debt. A man in Danville took the *Star* from the first issue for forty years without having paid for it. One day Mr. Eaton met the man and told him he was out of money and reminded him that he had never paid a subscription. The man went home, sold a yoke of oxen, and brought the proceeds to the printer, which exactly paid the debt.

But the *Star* was, in its best days, a power in Caledonia county, indeed the conditions of society have so much changed that we cannot quite comprehend its remarkable influence. Mr. Eaton possessed a dignified style, clear and concise, and never condescended to vulgarity or insinuations. He was a hard fighter, but he fought fairly, and his blows told. Consequently when in 1827, he espoused the cause of Anti-masonry, he made Caledonia county the center of the conflict in New England. To this we shall presently advert.

The *North Star* was published at Danville for eighty-five years. George Eaton succeeded his father as proprietor, but sold the paper to Anson B. Hoyt and W. O. Caswell, and removed to Troy, N. Y. While the latter were proprietors, Col. George Harvey, now editor of *Harper's Weekly*, began his literary work in that office and wrote political editorials for them when about sixteen years of age, and can barely remember old Mr. Eaton setting type there. In 1891 the subscription list was purchased by Arthur F. Stone, the paper was merged into the *Caledonian* and the old *North Star* ceased to exist. A complete file of it was burned in a house in Danville about twenty years ago, and it is doubtful if another could be made up from all the numbers in existence. Two or three bound volumes are in the State library, and occasional copies are found elsewhere. An examination of a volume of the *Star* is chiefly interesting for its contrast to modern country papers. The news of all the world is given, except that of Caledonia county. It employed no correspondents, and the only local events, otherwise than political, which are chronicled, were when some one took the trouble to write an item for the printer. Consequently the advertisements are the most interesting part of the paper, and we learn from them more about Caledonia county in its day than from the paper itself. The history of Ryegate would not be complete without mention of the *North Star* and its influence.

The Anti-Masonic controversy was one of the strangest episodes in the whole history of American politics. In its sudden rise, its violence while it lasted, and its sudden termination, it resembled nothing so much as a tropical tornado. There had always been those who disapproved



RESIDENCE OF S. CHAMBERLIN.



RESIDENCE OF GEORGE G. NELSON.

of secret societies in general, and Masonry in particular, considering them a menace to free institutions. They claimed, and in some instances with reason, that by means of their connection with the order bad men got into office; that if a criminal was a Mason he would escape punishment if there was a Mason on the jury; and that while Masonry included many excellent men, they were so far influenced by their association with it as to place allegiance to the Order as their chief duty. They went still further and denounced all secret societies indiscriminately. If they lived in our day they would probably consider that societies which give their officers such titles as "High Exalted Rulers," or "Most Supreme Potentates," were not likely to do any particular harm.

There were those who went about the country denouncing Masonry, without attracting any particular attention, till in 1826 an event in western New York produced an explosion. A man named Morgan renounced Masonry and published a book which claimed to reveal the secrets of the Order. A few days later Morgan disappeared, and it was claimed that he had been murdered by the Masons. It is impossible to conceive the excitement which followed, and which continued for years. Masonry was assailed and defended in every hamlet in the country. The Order was denounced as the source and refuge of all evil and its members were held up to public scorn as participants in its infamy. Certain adroit politicians seized the opportunity to advance their interests, pretended confessions of Morgan's abductors were printed, and their number and contradictions should have silenced the clamor. But the public was in no mood to listen to reason of any kind, and sensible people who went about their business without joining the outcry were denounced as equally guilty. For a short time the country was divided into two parties apparently, Masons and Anti-Masons, and reading the newspapers of the time, it is hard to say which party excelled in vindictiveness. The controversy invaded families, entered churches, upset all political calculations, and "dissolved friendships which had stood the strain of a life time." A few instances may be adduced to show the bitterness which was engendered. At a funeral held in Danville in 1830, the relatives who were Masons and their sympathizers occupied one room, and their opponents another, while at the burial one party stood one side of the grave, and the others ranged themselves on the other side of it, the brothers and sisters of one party not exchanging a word with their sisters and brothers of the other. In Bristol, Vt., a gristmill was owned jointly by a Mason, and by the widow of an Anti-Mason. Mutual hatred was such that it was decided that Masons should use the mill on one week and their opponents the next.* In Bradford, Rev. Silas McKeen, who was a Mason,

* North Star, Aug. 26, 1828.

found it best to accept a call to another state, as so many would not go to hear him preach. When the excitement was all over they were glad to recall him. He spent the rest of his long and useful life in Bradford where his name is held in veneration, his pastorate extending over forty-three years.

Rev. Solomon Sias, a Methodist minister of considerable note, whose health had become impaired by his labors, had retired to Danville, which had been his early home, for rest and recovery. Mr. Sias was a Mason of high degree, and was commander of the Knights Templars at the reception of Lafayette in Boston in 1825. On retiring to Danville, where he had before been held in honor, he found himself made the target of abuse. He was asked to preach a funeral sermon, but the officials of the local Methodist church would not allow him to enter the meeting-house, and the funeral services were held on the common in the open air. He was summoned before the Methodist Conference and was ordered to renounce Masonry or be expelled. He conceded so much as to promise to abstain from attendance at the lodge.

These instances might be multiplied and there was as much intemperate speech and action on the Masonic side as on the other. Masonry became a political issue, and in many of the northern states the Anti-Masons put up candidates for state officers.

To offset the influence of the *Star* the Masonic sympathizers in Caledonia County started a paper at St. Johnsbury called *The Friend*, whose attitude was apologetic rather than combative, and which was short lived. In 1828 Dr. Luther Jewett, who had been a member of Congress, began the publication of the *Farmer's Herald*, at the same place. This paper was not permanent, however. Haverhill Corner at the time had two newspapers, both ably conducted and much read in Ryegate—the *Democratic Republican*, which was Masonic, and conducted by the Redings, and the *Post and Intelligencer*, whose proprietor was Sylvester T. Goss, which was Anti-Masonic. But the attacks and the defense of these papers were mild indeed compared with the savage onslaught of the *North Star*.

Very naturally Danville in 1830 furnished in Hon. William A. Palmer, an Anti-Masonic candidate for Governor. His vote was large enough to prevent any election by the people, and Governor Crafts was re-elected by the legislature. In 1831 Palmer and the Anti-Masons had the largest vote, but not a majority, and Palmer was elected by the legislature by a majority of one, and the same thing happened in 1832. In 1833 Palmer was elected by the people. In the following year the Whig party had become prominent, but Palmer was elected by the legislature. In 1835,

Palmer still held the popular vote, but the Whigs led by Horatio Seymour were strong enough to defeat him in the legislature, but could not elect any one else, and after sixty-three ballots there was no choice and the effort was given up. Silas H. Jennison, who had been elected Lieutenant Governor on the ticket with Palmer, had to take the Governor's chair. Vermont was the only state in the Union in which the Anti-Masons came into power.

In 1836 the Anti-Masonic party had gone to pieces, but the *Star* still continued its attacks on the order after all parties had wearied of the strife, and in 1837 a few influential men who disapproved of Mr. Eaton's course induced A. G. Chadwick to come from Concord, N. H., and begin at St. Johnsbury in 1837, the publication of the *Caledonian*.

Ryegate, having no Masonic lodge was less affected by the controversy than some other towns, but could not be wholly insensible to the storm which raged around it. The Covenanters were, on principle, opposed to secret societies, and Rev. James Milligan delivered some powerful sermons against them. Rev. Mr. Goodwillie and Rev. Mr. Pringle are understood to have been Masons.

Only 27 votes were cast at the election in 1827. In 1828 Gov. Crafts had all the votes but one. In the next year 60 votes were cast, and in the same year or between Sept. 28, 1828, and Nov. 2, 1829, there were seven Freeman's meetings held to vote for a Member of Congress.* In 1830 when the Anti-Mason war was at its height, Wm. A. Palmer had 57 votes, S. C. Crafts 8, and Ezra Meech 13, showing that the Anti-Masonic party was in the majority. In the following year Palmer had 67, Meech 1, and Heman Allen 2. It must be remembered that there were some fifty or more who were Covenanters and did not vote.

In 1832, Palmer had 67 votes and there were 7 scattering. In 1833, politics ran high and Palmer had 101 votes and Meech 29. In 1834 Ryegate still adhered to Palmer with 67 votes, Wm. G. Bradley having 37 and Horatio Seymour 1. In 1835, while Anti-Masonry had passed its meridian, Ryegate still held to Palmer with 60 votes, Bradley having 47. In 1836 the Whig party came to the front, Bradley had 66 votes and Silas H. Jennison 32.

We have compared this controversy to a tropical storm, and, like a storm it cleared the air. The old Federal party passed away, and out of the strife emerged the Whig party; new leaders with more progressive ideas came to the front, and Anti-Masonry as a political issue was a thing of the past.

The effect of the conflict upon Masonry was disastrous. Some lodges

* Benjamin F. Deming of Danville, father of Franklin Deming at Wells River, was elected, but died during his term of office.

dissolved, a few of which were revived in after years, others maintained an uncertain existence till better times came, while the larger and stronger ones gained by the desertion of men who had joined the order for selfish motives, and had been the first to abandon and vilify it.

At the presidential election of 1832, Addison, Caledonia and Windsor counties were the only ones carried by the Anti-Masons. In this county the vote for Wirt (Anti-Mason) was 1726; for Clay (Whig) 294; and for Jackson (Democrat) 367. In the state the Anti-Masons polled 13,106 against 18,910 for all others.

The presidential campaign of 1840—the “Log Cabin Campaign,” the “Hard Cider Campaign”—was one of the most exciting and most picturesque in our political history. It was marked by great enthusiasm and immense political gatherings. Harrison, the Whig candidate was born in a log cabin, and miniature log cabins, each with a cider barrel hoisted up to the gable window were carried on floats in procession, and every true Whig fastened his coat with “log cabin buttons.” In August a great political mass-meeting was held at Orford, with Daniel Webster as the orator. The late George Leslie told the writer that on that morning as early as five o'clock, the main street at Wells River was filled with teams as close together as they could go, all the north country headed for Orford to hear the great man. And they heard him, an event from which people dated the occurrences of years. “The year Daniel Webster spoke at Orford,” was a common phrase forty years ago. In the election of that year a few Covenanters so far overcame their scruples as to vote. At the September election the town was equally divided between Paul Dillingham, Democratic, and Silas H. Jennison, the Whig candidate, each having 100 votes, one vote being cast for Isaac Fletcher. This was the highest vote cast in town to that date. Before the presidential election in November the enthusiasm appears to have cooled, as the Whig candidates for electors received 86 votes, and the Democratic 92.

In the presidential election of 1848 we note the rise of a new party—the Free Soil Party. The Whig leaders had opposed any agitation of the slavery question, but the issue could not be averted. Ryegate was one of the earliest seats of the anti-slavery movement in the state. Rev. James Milligan and the Covenanters in general were abolitionists. As we shall see later, the Milligan family was prominent in the movement for the abolition of slavery, Mr. Milligan being president of the Ryegate and Barnet Anti-Slavery Society, which was in existence as early as 1825, and is mentioned in the *North Star* at that time. In 1848 the electoral ticket for Cass (Democratic) received 60 votes; that for Taylor (Whig) 49, and for Van Buren, the Free Soil candidate 24.

Four years later, at the September election, Erastus Fairbanks, Whig, had 65 votes; John S. Robinson, Democratic 71, and Lawrence Brainerd, the Free Soil candidate 27.

In 1856 the Whig party had been dissolved and the Free Soilers were absorbed into the Republican party, Ryland Fletcher, Rep., having 107 votes, and Henry Keyes, Dem., receiving 50, the corresponding vote in November being about the same.

In the campaign of 1860 the slavery question was the overshadowing one. The town records do not give the vote at the presidential election, but at Freeman's meeting the ballot was 88 for Erastus Fairbanks (Rep.) and 44 for John G. Saxe (Dem.)

At the state election of 1861, the first year of the Civil war, Frederick Holbrook (Rep.) had 73 votes, and Andrew Tracy (Dem.) 40. In the next year the pressure of the war began to be felt, and the first "War Meeting" was held on the 2d of Sept., "For the purpose of encouraging enlistments to complete the quota of said town of Ryegate of 300,000 men recently called for by the President to serve in the army of the United States for the term of three years. Also for the quota of said town of 300,000 men to serve for nine months. To see if the town will offer a bounty to all persons so enlisting, and if thought expedient, to fix the amount and appropriate money." At this meeting, of which James White was moderator, the sum of \$100 was voted to each volunteer who enlisted for three years before the 14th of August, previously, and \$200 for each one enlisting since that date, also \$100 for each volunteer for nine months.

At the state election, Frederick Holbrook received 94 votes. No other vote for Governor is given.

There seems to have been some irregularity about the meeting on the 2d of September, as on the 8th of December another meeting confirmed the previous vote as to bounties, and raised a tax of 70 cts. on the dollar of the grand list to pay them.

At the state election in 1863, J. G. Smith (Rep.) had 86 votes, and T. P. Redfield (Dem.) 42 votes. On the 2d of December in that year a town meeting was held to raise bounties for volunteers who should enlist under the last call for men. It was voted to pay a bounty of \$300, to each volunteer, when mustered in, and the selectmen were intrusted to hire the money on the credit of the town.

NOTE. It is singular that the town records do not give the names of the candidates for town representatives, or the vote for each, only the name of the successful one.

On the 20th of Feb. 1864, another town meeting raised a tax of \$1.20 on the dollar of the grand list to pay the bounties previously voted.

We hear a great deal in these days about the sacrifices of the men who went to the army; it is by cold figures like these that we comprehend the pressure of the war on those who remained at home.

On the 14th of June in the same year, a bounty of \$300 was voted to all who would enlist under the last call for men to fill the town's quota, the same amount to any drafted man or substitute. At a later meeting on the 27th of July, a further bounty of \$400 was voted in addition to that previously promised to all who would enlist for three years, \$200 additional for two years, and a bounty of \$300 for enlistment of one year.

The pressure upon the country for men to serve in the army during the last year of the war is shown by the vote of the town on the 7th of September, to pay a bounty of \$900 each to three men who enlisted under the last call. Under the stimulus of these high bounties there arose a despicable species of men called "bounty jumpers," who enlisted for the bounty and deserted at the earliest opportunity, to re-enlist in a new place under other names.

A class of men upon whom the exigencies of the time fell heavily were drafted men who could not leave their families or business, and were unable to pay the high price of substitutes, and for the aid of such several town meetings were held. The last of the eleven special war meetings which Mr. Miller records was held on Feb. 21, 1865, at which a tax of \$2.50 on each dollar of the grand list to pay war indebtedness was voted, but an article relating to further enlistments was laid on the table, for the war was fast hastening to its close.

The town records do not give the amount paid by the town for soldier's bounties, but a paper in the hand writing of Wm. J. Nelson gives the amount paid volunteers as \$10,382.50, for substitutes \$5,325.00, and for necessary expenses \$522, making a total of \$16,229.50.

Surely Ryegate paid its full share for the maintenance of the Union. But who can calculate the loss to the town of the young men who never returned, or came home only to die; who can measure the terror and dread of those four years of war to the parents, the wives and children of those who went to the army? "The pomp and circumstance of war" are very fine to read about, but the cost, the suffering, the irreparable loss are fearful to contemplate. Writers who discuss the decaying population of the hill towns of New England fail to consider that thousands of young men who might have reared families and grown old among

them "gave their lives that the nation might live." We ought also to say that several citizens beyond the age of military service, provided substitutes at their own expense for the war. It is not possible to give their names, or the expense incurred by them.

The political history of the town, subsequent to the civil war, does not seem to be worthy of special mention.

CHAPTER XXIII.

OLD AND NEW.

OLD FARMS AND HOUSES.—THE WHITELAW FARMS.—IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN RYEGATE.—THE WITHERSPOON TRACT.—LIBRARIES.—THE COUNTRY BOOK-STORE.—THE TOWN LIBRARY AND BRANCHES.—THE WHITEHILL LIBRARY.—GRAIN AND FEED BUSINESS.—SUGAR MANUFACTURE.—TELEPHONES AND ELECTRIC LIGHTING.—CLAN FARQUHARSON.—MISCELLANEOUS.

MR. Whitelaw tells us that on the 25th of January, 1774, those members of the Company who had arrived in Ryegate met and made choice of the lots which they intended to clear and convert into farms. It is a very interesting circumstance that the lands selected on that day by James Whitelaw, James Henderson, William Neilson, Alexander Symes, and John Gray, remain, wholly or in part, in the hands of their descendants, and with the exception of the land selected by John Grey, by descendants bearing the same names.

In this part of the country one hundred and thirty-seven years is a long time for an estate to remain in the same family, and Ryegate was one of the last towns in New England in which settlements began before the revolutionary war.

The eastern part of General Whitelaw's farm became that of his son Robert, who added largely by purchase. The site of his house, in which he kept tavern, is marked by a depression in the ground a short distance east of where A. M. Whitelaw lives, and on the other side of the road. His son William T. Whitelaw succeeded him, and built, in 1842, the house in which his son lives. The house on the other side of the road is one of the oldest in town. Merrill Goodwin was born in it in 1820, and it was not a new one then.

The farm now owned by Hermon Miller is the one on which General Whitelaw lived and died, and his excellent taste is evinced by his selection of the fine site of the buildings. A part of the house built by him in 1775 stood till 1910. The present house was built by William Whitelaw, and after his death the farm had five owners before Mr. Miller bought it. The land along the road toward Boltonville was formerly called "Old Smoky," but the origin of the name is forgotten. Five generations of General Whitelaw's descendants have lived on the land owned by him.

The farm owned by Henry W. Henderson is that on which his great grandfather, James Henderson settled, and the log house of the latter was in the field about twenty-five rods east of the present house. On a flat rock in front of the log house, James Henderson Jr., and Eliza Todd were married in 1806. The present house was built about 1808.

The farm now owned by Samuel F. Nelson is a part of the original purchase of William Nelson the emigrant, and the farm owned by John H. Symes is part of that settled by his ancestor, Alexander, of the same name. The farm of Campbell Symes is now that of Wesson Sargent, and the house was built in 1819, Mr. Miller says.

The farm of John Gray became that of his son William, whose daughter Mary married James Nelson, father of the present owner, George G. Nelson.

There are very few houses in Ryegate which have weathered the storms of an hundred years. According to our best information, and judging from the photographs of those which remain, the dwellings in Scotland which were inhabited by the class of people which settled this town were built of stone, thatched with straw and according to our modern ideas, dark, inconvenient and uncomfortable. Consequently the log houses which the pioneers built were fully as commodious, as well lighted and as comfortable as those they had left behind. In many cases people continued to occupy log houses for years after they had become able to build better ones. In most cases also, what may be termed the second generation of human habitations—the frame houses which earliest succeeded those constructed of logs—were small, low and inconvenient. The settlers brought from Scotland some ideas regarding domestic architecture which were very different from those which prevailed in the towns south of them. But the houses built after the town had been settled many years differ very little in their outward appearance or interior construction from those in the towns above or below them.

Some one has characterized Ryegate as "a town of one-story houses, and three story barns." Indeed, forty years ago, there were not a half-score of two-story houses in this town, and it is only since the villages at East and South Ryegate came into existence that larger houses with modern conveniences have displaced the older ones. But all over town one-story houses, the very embodiments of coziness and comfort, are the farm companions of immense barns. About 1825 a carpenter named Moses Barnett, a very superior workman came here, and not only built several substantial houses, but introduced a taste for a better class of dwellings. The house in which Rev. J. M. Beattie long lived, in which Mr. McLam lives at the Corner was built by Mr. Barnett for Alexander

Harvey, and is a fine sample of his work. The "story-and-a-half house," giving more room in the chambers did not come into general use till about 1850.

Among the older houses in the east part of the town, Mr. Morrill thinks, the one in which Willard White lives, is the oldest, which, Mr. Miller says, was built by Benjamin Wright in 1800, the year in which the Morrill tavern, now burned, was built. Another, about as old, nearly down to the Newbury line, was built by William Johnson.

The farm often called the "Bigelow place" was formerly that of Elihu Johnson. Mr. Miller says there was an earlier house on that farm than the one now standing, a long narrow house, which had the name of being haunted. No one would live in it, and it was taken down on that account. There are no very old houses on the river road, the oldest being that in which Mr. Manchester lives, built in 1819. The Thomas Manchester house is believed to be older.

Returning to the Corner, that in which Mr. Thompson lives was built by Judge Cameron, and according to Mr. Goodwin, at different times, part of it being the old store. Mr. Goodwin also said that at one time and another, within his recollection, there were between Wm. H. Nelson's and W. T. McLam's no fewer than eight houses, which have all disappeared. The Morrill tavern stand included a number of barns, sheds and other out-buildings, which were all burned.

The Cochran farm at the foot of Blue Mountain, has been in the family since 1799, and five generations of the family have lived in it. The oldest house in that vicinity is that in which the late James Miller lived, built in 1806 by Allan Stewart, Mr. Miller says.

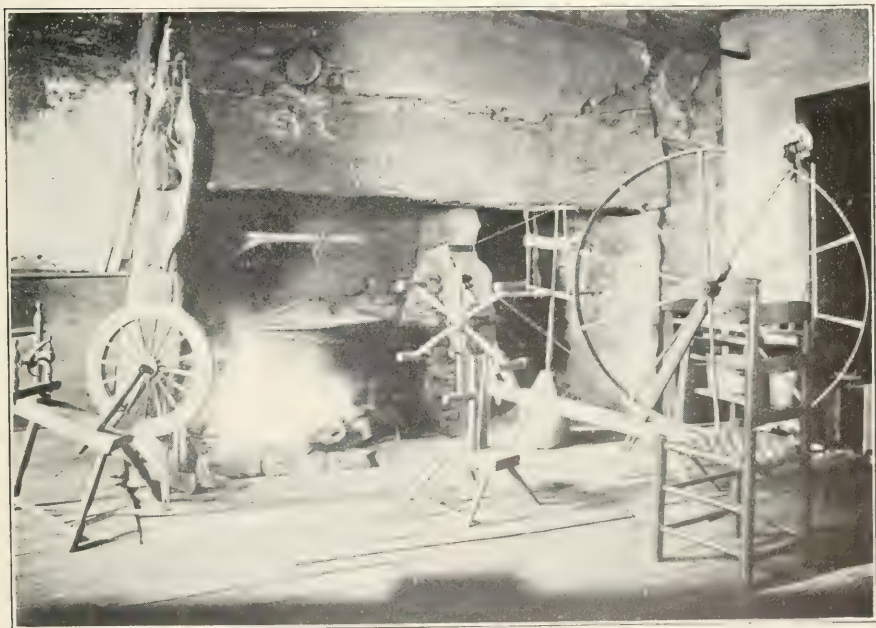
If Mr. John Gates is correctly informed, the stone house in which Frank Hooper lives, near the Groton line, was built some years before the year 1800, and the farm has always been owned by the descendants of its builder, John Orr. This is a very quaint house, and worth visiting.

A very interesting house is the oldest part of Corwin Whitehill's residence, on the Whitherspoon tract. This farm has been in the Whitehill family for 114 years. The oldest part of the house is built of rough stone, and was erected by James Whitehill in 1805, or the following year. Many years ago the front or newer part of this rambling mansion was added, part of the old stone house was taken down, and the newer part built into and upon the heavy walls of the old house. The old kitchen with its vast stone fireplace remains as when first built, and is said to be a faithful copy of the old kitchens in Scotland in the 18th century. In this ancient room one seems transported to a far-off land in an earlier age, and it requires little aid from the imagination to people it



Toyle.

STONE HOUSE AT C. W. WHITEHILL'S ERECTED ABOUT 1808.



ROOM IN THE STONE HOUSE.

with the staid Elder Whitehill and his large family of a century ago. In the accompanying illustration many utensils once in daily use here are exhibited.

Another stone house on the Witherspoon tract was built, about 1812 by Abraham Whitehill, brother of James. Part of the front wall and the east end remain, and bear a curious resemblance to the ruins of Kirk Alloway.

And here, while speaking of the Witherspoon tract, some particulars regarding it have come to light since the earlier chapters were printed. Major James* Witherspoon is said to have inherited much of his eminent father's ability. He came to his Ryegate possessions in the spring of 1774 with a number of workmen, and began to clear the land, intending to create an estate of the tract. Had he been spared to carry out his plans, and come to live there, with his ability, and the influence which he would certainly have exerted, he would have become very prominent in the state, and the political history of the town might have been very different. The curious documents by which this tract was transferred to the Whitehill family are given among the records of the Whitehills.

Mr. Gates mentions several farms in the west part of the town still owned by descendants of the pioneers—that of James Esden by Frank McColl; that of John Hall by descendants; and that of Alexander Holmes by Mr. Gates himself, the house having been built in 1817. The house built by Dea. Caldwell where Alexander Renfrew lives is nearly a century old, as is the old Hunter house and that in which J. R. Whitehill lives. East of Blue Mountain the farm of Robert Dickson is owned by a descendant and that of William Gibson also. There may be others to be mentioned in the records of the families to which they belong.

A farm or a dwelling which has remained in the same family for several generations and has long borne and still bears the family name, possesses a human interest which cannot attach to any tenement in which successive and disconnected families have found a temporary shelter and abiding place.

Around the time worn walls of such a family residence, and pervading every room and passage, are associations which touch the chords of memory whenever the place is mentioned. Many such there are in Ryegate, and in far away homes when these pages are read, there will arise once more in memory, vivid as its reality, the old house among the hills, the orchard, the fields, the pastures and the public road.

* On p. 39 his name was given as John. The latter was his brother, who became a physician.

Many of the old local names and neighborhood designations are preserved, others are forgotten. How many can tell where "Scanty Lane" is, or where "Cameron's Lane" begins and ends? How many know that Groton was once called "Hickory Village"?

We have mentioned that when James Whitelaw went to Newburyport in the spring of 1774, he purchased books for the common use of the Company, and that this was one of the earliest libraries in the state. But there was no further attempt to form a public library in town for nearly a century. Every farmhouse, however, had its small collection of books, added to from the savings of toilsome life, and by exchange, the farmers of the town secured intelligent information upon a great variety of subjects, and books were much easier to be had in those days than we commonly suppose.

Among the valuable institutions of early years which have completely passed away was the country book store. Such an one was established at Haverhill Corner as early as 1794 by Nathaniel Coverly and a little later one was started at Newbury by his son, who also printed several books. A list of new works offered for sale in 1813 at the Haverhill bookstore causes us to rate very highly the intelligence of a community which could appreciate and purchase such profound works. Many of these found their way into Ryegate farm houses, and there were plain farmers, who went to meeting in blue homespun frocks who could have passed a thorough examination in Plutarch's Lives, could illustrate Bible history with parallel passages from Josephus, or repeat page after page of the Paradise Lost. With the diffusion of information consequent upon a daily mail service, newspapers and other periodical literature assumed the place which had been held by the country book store. These latter in their time partially filled the place now held by public libraries. The bookseller was necessarily a man of reading, and his place of business was the resort of ministers, lawyers and men of education and literary taste, from a wide radius of country. There people exchanged views, or dipped into the latest solid literature. The number of such stores in this vicinity eighty or more years ago, indicates the place which they held in public instruction, and indicates also that the business was a profitable one.

There seems to have been no organized library association here till one was formed at South Ryegate on May 23, 1877, of whose proceedings Mr. Gilfillan has prepared an account. The declared object was "to establish and maintain a library for the mutual benefit of its mem-

bers and all others who may be admitted to the privilege." W. N. Gilfillan was chosen president; Stephen Sly, secretary and treasurer; and James B. Darling, librarian. Seventeen citizens paid \$3 each for membership fees. Later the young people gave the proceeds of a dramatic entertainment towards making eight of them members of the association. Dr. Darling, S. Mills, Sr., and M. B. Hall were a committee to select books. The library was kept in the store of Sly & Darling. Mr. Sly was succeeded by R. J. White as secretary and treasurer, Mr. White being followed by Alexander Dunnett. Books of a solid character were purchased. But the association did not thrive, the reading habit not being yet formed, and after some attempt to continue interest the organization fell asleep.

At the March meeting in 1895 it was voted to establish a library at the Corner and secure books from the state in the manner provided by law, for the encouragement of town libraries. The following trustees were elected; Wm. J. Henderson, chairman; W. T. McLam, W. A. Gilchrist, F. R. McColl, and H. J. Park, trustees. On Jan. 27, 1896, a citizens meeting was held at South Ryegate to consider ways and means for establishing a branch library at that place. Individual subscriptions of one dollar each provided necessary fixtures, and at a special meeting of the old Association its books, then numbering twenty-seven, were transferred to the town library.

The main collection was placed in J. R. W. Beattie's store at the Corner, and the books were all saved when the store was burned. Miss Mary Beattie, Mrs. F. H. White, Mrs. F. M. Powers and Mrs. C. F. Smith were librarians. A new trustee is chosen each year, and W. N. Gilfillan, Rev. F. A. Collins, N. H. Ricker, E. E. Symes, T. A. Meader, F. H. White, A. R. Bone and Geo. B. Wallace have served in that capacity. The entire amount voted by the town for the library to Jan. 1, 1911, is \$1089.37.

The entire number of books at the main library has been 1311. Of these, 304 were donated by the W. C. T. U. at the Corner, 131 came from the state, and many have been given by friends. Part have been transferred to the branch libraries.

The South Ryegate branch was located in Hibbard's store, Mr. Hibbard being librarian. In the fire of 1898, 133 of the 136 books were consumed, with the book-cases, fixtures, etc. Miss Marion Hall has been librarian since 1899. Special donors of books have been Mrs. Whithead of California (now Mrs. Welch) and Miss Birekbeck of New York City. Entertainments have been given by the young people, and the proceeds used in the purchase of books. In 1908 a branch was established at East Ryegate and Geo. B. Wallace made librarian.

A very unique library, well worthy of our especial mention, is the "Whitehill Library," in the northwest corner of the town. It has been styled "A library that travels, but is not a traveling library."

In the fall of 1901, Prof. N. J. Whitehill of White River Junction, who had attended the winter schools in that district when a boy, made a collection of about one hundred volumes, which he offered to furnish for the use of the school, if a suitable bookcase would be provided for them. The people were pleased with the idea, and by means of entertainments secured funds for a sectional Wernicke case. The idea expanded from a school library to a neighborhood library, and by the time they had a case, the number of books had increased to about 200, and now is over 450. This library spends a year in one house, and is then moved to another, the mistress of the house caring for them, and acting as librarian. The association also owns an organ and a set of dishes. With these they get up suppers and entertainments, and with the proceeds buy new books. When not in use the organ is kept in the schoolhouse and used by the teacher, and some of the reference books are kept there. The books are well selected and free to all who use them, and indicate a high standard of intelligence in that community. "This collection of books is the centre of the social and intellectual life of that corner of the town."

It would seem that a town whose inhabitants desire the benefits which a collection of the world's best literature gives to a community, should also have some one to do what Miss Tenney and the Blake family have done for Newbury and Corinth—provide a suitable building for a public library.

The change from a time when Ryegate was practically a self-supporting community, producing within itself nearly everything which it consumed, is shown by the amount of western grain and feed brought into the town and fed to dairy, stock and teams. The amounts can only be given approximately, but are near enough to stand for comparison with what the town may require fifty years hence.

At the present time grain and feed are sold in town by grain dealers at South and East Ryegate and brought from Groton, Boltonville, Wells River and McIndoes. In addition there are farmers who combine to purchase their own feed, a carload at a time, dividing it among themselves. Mr. G. G. Nelson computes that not less than 4500 tons of feed are brought into town and fed out, in each year. At the same time the acreage of corn and grain can hardly be less than it was fifty years ago, as other grains have taken the place of land once devoted to wheat.

Mr. W. T. George, who has been connected with the grain and feed business at South Ryegate for more than thirty years, has given us some particulars of that portion of the local trade which has been under his immediate observation.

In 1879 Mr. G. L. Hall sold all the western grain and feed called for here, which was ground at Clark's mill in Groton, and delivered in one-horse loads as wanted—from 1500 lbs. to a ton per week. Sometimes in the fall or early winter, the larger farmers would club together and buy a car of assorted feed from the west.

When the Ryegate Granite Works were in full operation they used large quantities of feed, which they drew with teams from Wells River, and sold to customers. Then P. Gibson and Son were in the same business, which Terry and George took up after they went out of trade. In the later '70's Beattie & Nelson built a storehouse and did a large trade for two years, selling about 100 cars a year. This building, sold to M. H. Gibson, was leased to Everett Forsyth as a depot for his Topsham and Corinth trade. In November, 1900, Mr. George was employed by the latter to open a retail trade, and supply customers, buying out the business Feb. 1, 1904. In these seven years he has averaged sixty-five cars a year of twenty-five tons each. In addition during the dry years 1908-'10 he received and sold forty-five cars of pressed hay from Ohio, in contrast with common years, when large quantities of hay are baled and shipped from this town. Not all this amount is fed out on the farms, as stone, road and lumber teams use large quantities, and much is sold to other towns. Many of the cars received were partly loaded with flour, amounting to two or three cars a year. Mr. Nelson averaged about forty cars a year at East Ryegate most of which was consumed in town.

Mr. N. A. Park, although not a regular dealer, has bought for himself and his neighbors some forty cars of feed, within ten years, and Charles E. F. Miller was in the feed business for some time. It will be seen that Ryegate expends large sums annually for western grain and feed.

Mr. Whitelaw mentions that in April 1774, they made about 60 lbs. of maple sugar,—the first article which the colonists produced in Ryegate. This was an entirely new thing for them, a very wonderful thing too, and we would have liked to see those Scotchmen tasting maple sugar and maple syrup for the first time.

The manufacture of sugar and syrup has been one of the leading industries of Ryegate, and the amount of money which it has brought into the town would surprise people. Its evolution from the wooden trough, the sap-yoke, and the great kettle hung from a pole, to the mod-

ern pail, the metal gathering tubs, the evaporator, the sugaring-off arch, would be a tale of experiment, selection and rejection. A demand constantly increasing has stimulated production and improved its quality.

The telephone and rural mail delivery have greatly changed the condition of farm life, and people wonder how they ever got along without them. The first telegraph was extended to Wells River about 1850 and followed the highway to St. Johnsbury. Telephone service began about thirty years ago, but it was very expensive, and confined at first to communications between fixed stations. Improvements in construction, and the expiration of patents brought it within the reach of all, and the telephone is a household necessity. Part of the town is served by lines connected with the New England Telephone Co., and part by the People's Telephone.

Electricity as a mode of lighting and mechanical force is the greatest of modern applications, and has revolutionized many industries by the ease with which power is transmitted from a distance and directly applied.

The Ryegate Light and Power Co., was incorporated April 7, 1906, with the following as members: M. F. Sargent, Robert Farquharson, F. J. Tewksbury, A. D. Grant, G. H. Roben, A. T. Beaton, James Craigie, C. H. Taplin and H. W. Goodine. In October, 1908, the company purchased water power at Boltonville, and erected an electric plant there and a line to South Ryegate at a cost of about \$25,000. The current for power and lighting is chiefly used at South Ryegate where the amount sold for manufacturing purposes is about 170 horse power. There is also a street lighting plant and about thirty-five buildings are lighted. The operations for the first full year gave very satisfactory results. The power is also used for running the machinery in the granite works. The present officers are, M. F. Sargent, President; N. A. Park, Vice-President; Mrs. Jane Park, Treasurer; R. Farquharson, Clerk.

The Blue Mountain Telephone Co., an independent line, was incorporated in Nov. 1908, with a capital stock of \$3,000, divided into 120 shares of \$25 each. At the first meeting held Jan. 2d, 1904, of which R. Farquharson was chairman, A. J. Whitcher, Albert Wright and H. E. Brown were chosen directors. The former was chosen President, A. T. Beaton, Secretary and Treasurer. The succeeding officers have been:

1905. R. Farquharson, Pres.; A. J. Whitcher, Vice-Pres.; L. G. Welch, Sec.; F. Weld, Treas.

1906. Geo. Cochran, Pres.; James Craigie, Sec.; A. T. Beaton, Treas.

1907. C. M. Libbey, Pres.; C. H. Grant, Sec.; A. T. Beaton, Treas.

1908. C. M. Libbey, Pres.; J. S. Bone, Vice-Pres.; Carlyle McLam, Sec.; C. H. Taplin, Treas.

1909. C. M. Libbey, Pres.; H. Randall, Vice-Pres.; C. McLam, Sec.; C. H. Taplin, Treas.

1910. A. Wright, Pres.; C. B. Helmer, Vice-Pres.; C. McLam, Sec.; C. H. Taplin, Treas.

1911. T. A. Meader, Pres.; G. G. Nelson, Vice-Pres.; M. E. Beckley, Vice-Pres.; F. R. McColl, Treas.; F. J. Tewksbury, Gen. Manager.

The company owns and operates wires in Newbury, Ryegate and Groton connecting with the People's Telephone system.

The Order of Scottish Clans is a fraternal institution composed of Scotsmen and their descendants, and its object is to preserve the traditions and recollections of Scotland, cultivating its customs and amusements, and furnishing to its members those benefits which are usually conferred by fraternal societies. The constitution is elaborate and provides for the government of the Order, whose officials and divisions are designated by titles which were anciently held by the officers of the Scottish clans. One of the principal objects of the Order is to care for its sick and disabled members, and provides a mode of insurance for the benefit of their families in case of death. The Order was organized at St. Louis in 1878, and now consists of 204 Clans, as each local body is designated, which are grouped in divisions called Grand Clans, in whose annual meeting each Clan is represented, and whose delegates comprise the Royal Clan which meets biennially. There are three Clans in this State, at South Ryegate, Hardwick and Barre, the latter being the largest in the country. The organization is prosperous, and by means of the Bequeathment Fund hundreds of widows and orphans have been assisted. The Order supports a monthly paper called "The Fiery Cross."

Clan Farquharson, the 8th Clan to be organized, was instituted in 1883. Robert Farquharson, the prime mover in its origin came here from Quincy, Mass., and there were eighteen charter members. About fifty have been connected with it, of whom seven have died, and others have moved away. M. F. McDonald is the present chief, Wm. Terry, secretary, and Robert Farquharson, treasurer.

To the names of college graduates who were natives of Ryegate should be added that of William H. Symes, a graduate of Cornell Univ., 1909, and Edward Cowles at Dartmouth in 1859. There must be a number whose names have not reached us, and it is safe to say that there must have been thirty-five natives of the town who completed a classical

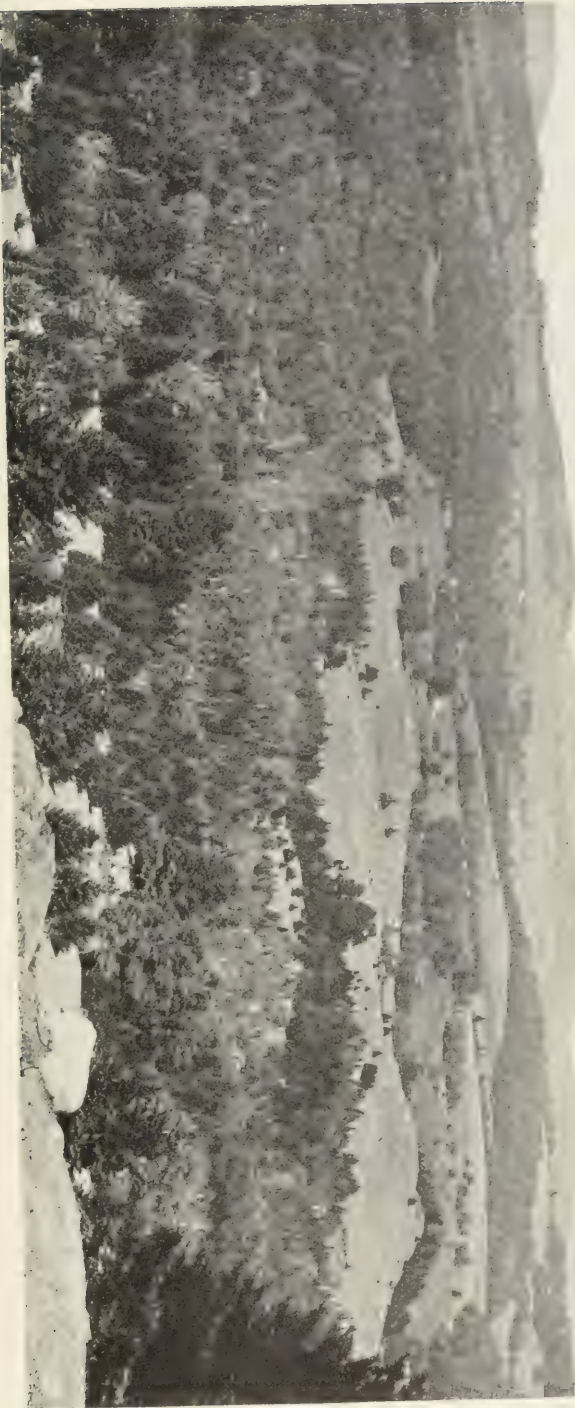
course, besides several who did not complete their course. Several young men and young women are now in college. This is a very good showing for a farming town whose population has been small, which had no large village or a class of people of wealth and leisure. So far as can be ascertained all have been able to give a good account of themselves.

Mention has been made of Rev. William Forsythe. Deming's catalogue states that the election sermon before the legislature of 1799 at Windsor was preached by a clergyman bearing that name. Diligent search at the state library fails to find any other clergyman in this state of the name at that date, than the Ryegate minister. In those days, when some prominent minister was invited to deliver a discourse before the General Assembly, it was an honor greatly coveted, and Mr. Forsythe, who had been in this country only two years, must have been a very unusual man to have attracted sufficient attention for the reception of the honor. The printed discourse which we have mentioned, shows him to have possessed a very elegant style, and Gen. Whitelaw mentions him as a very able man. His work in Nova Scotia was most honorable, both as a teacher, and as pastor of the same church for forty years, where his name is still revered, and it seems most unfortunate that Ryegate people of that day allowed so valuable a man to go away, when a little more liberality might have kept him. It seems by his letters that he did not receive all that was due him from Ryegate for several years.

The custom of having a sermon delivered at the opening of the General Assembly was brought from Massachusetts, and began with its first session at Windsor in 1777, when the election sermon was delivered by Rev. Peter Powers of Newbury. It was also the custom that all the ministers present afterwards dined at the tavern at the expense of the state. The practice was discontinued "from motives of economy" many years ago. It is doubted if the state gained anything by its discontinuance. If any assembly ever needed wholesome advice at its opening it is the Vermont legislature. Other than Mr. Forsythe, Rev. John Fitch of Danville and Rev. Thomas Goodwillie of Barnet were the only ministers of Caledonia county who attained to this honor.

Mr. Miller pays a tribute to the women of Ryegate in these words: "No nobler race of women ever lived than the wives and mothers of Ryegate people." To record all their noble deeds would require a volume. There were many cases of young women suddenly widowed, with children, and a farm not paid for, who resolutely grappled with adversity, paid off mortgages, reared and educated children, erected comfortable buildings, and lived to enjoy a tranquil old age. The Scotch women of early years liked to work out of doors and were skilled in many occupa-

WHITEHILL NEIGHBORHOOD FROM BLUE MOUNTAIN.



tions which their descendants know nothing about. Mr Miller records feats of women's work in reaping which seem marvelous. Mrs. J. B. Nelson mentions that two young women on the farm of William Nelson, 2d, dug in one fall, and put into the "potato hole" 500 bushels of potatoes.

The early immigrants to this Scotch town in Yankee-land and their immediate descendants, preserved and exercised some customs of the old country which are only traditionary with the present generation. Martinmas, Lanmas, and All-Hallow-e'en were observed, but Christmas was considered as savoring of popery, and it does not appear that Thanksgiving Day was kept until the town had been long settled. New Year's Day was to the people of those days what Thanksgiving is now, a day of feasting and home coming. The traditions, the folk-lore, the superstitions of Scotland were rehearsed at the firesides of Ryegate, and the stories of the sufferings of the Covenanters were told over and over again to audiences which never wearied of them.

In reviewing this imperfect presentation of the annals of Ryegate for a period of one hundred and thirty-seven years the one thing most evident is the inadequateness of words and sentences to embody the real history of a town. We may catalogue its events, enumerate its people, relate the history of its institutions, and speak of the changes which time has wrought. But these are only the outward and visible manifestations of things which underlie all events. Men and women of untiring energy, faith in God, self-reliance and sturdy good sense, built up the town. They were people of very positive views, unyielding in their convictions, and held first of all, a sense of personal accountability to God. Strong traits of character were manifested by these children of Scotland among the Vermont hills. That they sometimes erred is only to say that they were very human people after all. The schools, churches and other institutions of the town have arisen from small beginnings, and the experience of several generations has been applied to their enlargement. The present era will pass them on to the next. What the future has in store for the town is beyond our knowledge. Neither do we know what use coming generations will make of this noble heritage of the fathers.

The sons and daughters of Ryegate have carried to a thousand communities the good seed garnered upon these hills. We are glad to speak in these pages of their achievements and success. But all honor to those who have remained here, and have in the face of many discouragements, preserved its institutions and its good reputation.

CHAPTER XXIV.

TOWN OFFICERS.

TOWN CLERKS.—DELEGATES TO CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTIONS.—REPRESENTATIVES —LISTERS.—SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS.—MODERATORS OF TOWN MEETINGS.

RYEGATE has hardly had a fair share of state or county officers. John Cameron was a councillor in 1811 and 1812. One or two state senators were residents of Ryegate, and the town has furnished two or three assistant judges of the county court. But natives of the town as the records will show, have honored it by service in high places elsewhere.

In this chapter are given the names of those who held the more important offices in town. In early days there were several offices which are now discontinued—haywards, pound-keepers, tything-men, and deer-reeves. Most of these were dropped long ago. Tything-men continued to be elected down to 1850, but not every year. In one year there were twelve tything-men and seven haywards. The next year they got along without either. It is to the credit of the town that in most years party politics have been dropped at town meetings.

TOWN CLERKS.

James Whitelaw was clerk from the first settlement of the town till March 2, 1829, excepting in 1780, when Robert Brock was elected; Josiah Page, 1784–1787, and David Dunbar in 1788—seven years held by others. Gen. Whitelaw was clerk about fifty years. William Gray, 1829–1844; George Cowles, 1844–1866; Alexander Cochran, 1866–1890; M. R. Gray till death in 1896; James Johnston, Feb. 4 to March meeting, 1896; John A. McLam, March, 1896 to date. Mrs. Martha J. McLam was appointed by Mr. Johnston as assistant clerk and still holds the position.

DELEGATES TO CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTIONS.

1793	Josiah Page	1814	John Nelson
1822	Hugh Laughlin	1828	James Nelson, Jr.
1836	Ebenezer Morrill	1843	Harry Moore
1850	Harry Moore	1870	Wm. J. Gibson

TOWN REPRESENTATIVES.

There is reason to believe that James Whitelaw was elected town representative in 1783. [See p. 95]. The early records are very meagre but he was elected in 1786. It is probable that he also represented the town at the session at Newbury in 1787. Deming's catalogue of state officers gives no names for 1788 or 1789, but the town records state that Josiah Page was elected in the latter year. The representatives since 1789 have been as follows:

TOWN REPRESENTATIVES.

1790 John Gray	1791 John Gray
1792 Josiah Page	1793 Josiah Page
1794 Josiah Page	1795 John Gray
1796 Josiah Page	1797 John Cameron
1798 John Cameron	1799 William Neilson
1800 William Neilson	1801 John Cameron
1802 John Cameron	1803 John Cameron
1804 John Cameron	1805 John Cameron
1806 James Nelson, Jr.	1807 John Cameron
1808 John Cameron	1809 John Cameron
1810 Not represented	1811 Hugh Laughlin
1812 Hugh Laughlin	1813 James Henderson
1814 John Nelson	1815 James Henderson
1816 Hugh Laughlin	1817 Hugh Laughlin
1818 Alexander Henderson	1819 Not represented
1820 John Cameron	1821 James Neilson
1822 John Cameron	1823 Robert Whitelaw
1824 Robert Whitelaw	1825 Robert Whitelaw
1826 John Cameron	1827 William Gray
1828 William Gray	1829 James Neilson, Jr.
1830 James Neilson, Jr.	1831 James Neilson, Jr.
1832 John Cameron	1833 James Neilson, Jr.
1834 James Neilson, Jr.	1835 Robert Whitelaw
1836 Robert Whitelaw	1837 Thomas Nelson
1838 Robert Whitelaw	1839 James Hall, 2d
1840 James Hall, 2d	1841 James Hall, 2d
1842 Robert Whitelaw	1843 Robert Whitelaw
1844 Robert Whitelaw	1845 Thomas Nelson, Jr.
1846 John Cameron, 2d	1847 John McLure
1848 John McLure	1849 Robert Cochran
1850 Robert Cochran	1851 William T. Whitelaw
1852 William T. Whitelaw	1853 Not recorded
1854 James R. Park	1855 Claud Somers
1856 Cloud Somers	1857 James Nelson
1858 James Nelson	1859 John B. Darling
1860 John B. Darling	1861 John Cameron, 2d
1862 Robert Nelson	1863 Robert Nelson
1864 George Cowles	1865 George Cowles
1866 John F. Nelson	1867 John F. Nelson
1868 John Bigelow	1869 John Bigelow

By the constitutional convention of 1870, the bi-ennial system of legislative terms was adopted. The subsequent representatives have been:

1870	James Dickey	1872	Alanson S. Moore
1874	Edward Miller	1876	James Johnston
1878	Henry McCole	1880	Jefferson Renfrew
1882	Pringle Gibson	1884	George Cochran
1886	Thomas Nelson	1888	James Johnston
1890	Charles K. Canfield	1892	Solomon Chamberlin
1894	George G. Nelson	1896	Quincy A. Whitehill
1898	W. J. Henderson	1900	Wm. T. McLam
1902	William N. Gilfillan	1904	Benjamin Manchester
1906	Samuel F. Nelson	1908	Charles M. Wallace
1910	Samuel Mills		

SELECTMEN.

1778	John Shaw, Patrick Lang, Alexander Symes.
1779	James Henderson, Robert Brock, William Neilson.
1780	John Gray, John Scott, John Hyndman.
1781	Archibald Taylor, Thomas McKeith, Robert Somers.
1782	Alexander Symes, Andrew Brock, James Henderson.
1783	Josiah Page, John Gray, John Orr.
1784	Wm. Neilson, Elihu Johnson, Archibald Taylor.
1785	Wm. Neilson, John Orr, Andrew Brock.
1786	John Gray, Alex. Miller, Andrew Brock.
1787	Josiah Page, John Gray, James Whitelaw.
1788	Josiah Page, David Dunbar, Andrew Brock.
1789	Alexander Miller, Joseph Smith, Wm. Johnson.
1790	John Gray, Wm. Neilson, Josiah Page.
1791	John Wallace, John Gray, James Henderson.
1792	John Wallace, Josiah Page, James Whitelaw.
1793	James Whitelaw, Wm. Neilson, John Gray.
1794	John Gray, John Wallace, Jesse Heath.
1795	John Wallace, N. B. Page, Alex. Miller.
1796	Hugh Gardner, John Gray, William Johnson.
1797	John Gray, Wm. Johnson, Jesse Heath.
1798	John Gray, John Cameron, Wm. Neilson.
1799	Wm. Neilson, 2d, John Cameron, Hugh Gardner.
1800	John Cameron, John Gray, Wm. Neilson, Jr.
1801	John Cameron, Wm. Neilson, Jr., John Gray.
1802	John Cameron, Wm. Neilson, Jr., John Gray.
1803	John Cameron, Wm. Neilson, Hugh Laughlin.
1804	John Cameron, John Gray, Wm. Neilson.
1805	Wm. Neilson, Sr., John Gray, Hugh Laughlin.
1806	John Gray, William Neilson, —————
1807	Wm. Neilson, Hugh Laughlin, Jabez Bigelow.
1808	Wm. Neilson, Sr., Hugh Laughlin, Jabez Bigelow.
1809	Jabez Bigelow, Josiah Page, James Esden.
1810	James Esden, James Neilson, Jr., Alex. Henderson.
1811	Hugh Laughlin, Alex. Henderson, John Cameron.
1812	Hugh Laughlin, Alexander Park, —————
1813	Wm. Gibson, Sr., Nathaniel Knight, James Henderson.
1814	Hugh Laughlin, John Neilson, Archibald Park.
1815	John Neilson, Archibald Park, Robert Whitelaw.
1816	Archibald Park, Nicholas White, Wm. Gray.
1817	Archibald Park, John Neilson, Nicholas White.
1818	Nicholas White, Hugh Laughlin, Wm. Gray.
1819	Nicholas White, Jesse Heath, Hugh Laughlin.
1820	Nicholas White, Jesse Heath, John Gibson.
1821	Nicholas White, Jesse Heath, John Gibson.
1822	Hugh Laughlin, William Gray, Archibald Park.
1823	Nicholas White, John Cameron, Archibald Park.
1824	Hugh Laughlin, Archibald Park, John Gibson.
1825	John Cameron, Archibald Park, William Gray.

- 1826 Archibald Park, William Gray, John Cameron.
- 1827 John Cameron, Abraham Page, William Gray.
- 1828 Abraham Page, William Gray, James Nelson.
- 1829 Abraham Page, Archibald Park, Nicholas White.
- 1830 Archibald Park, James Nelson, Jr., John Cameron.
- 1831 Nicholas White, Abraham Page, James Nelson, Jr.
- 1832 Abraham Page, Edward Miller, Andrew Warden.
- 1833 John Cameron, Jr., John Gibson, John Nelson.
- 1834 John Nelson, John Cameron, Jr., Archibald Park.
- 1835 John Gibson, Edward Miller, Archibald Park.
- 1836 Archibald Park, John Nelson, James Hall, 2d
- 1837 James Hall, 2d, Timothy N. Stocker, John Nelson.
- 1838 James Hall, 2d, Archibald Park, Robert Symes.
- 1839 James Hall, 2d, Archibald Park, Lawson Bruce.
- 1840 John Cameron, George Cowles, Robert Whitelaw.
- 1841 James Hall, 2d, George Cowles, James R. Park.
- 1842 George Cowles, James Hall, 2d, James R. Park.
- 1843 George Cowles, Robert Symes, Robert Gibson, 2d.
- 1844 James Hall, 2d, John McClure, Robert Miller.
- 1845 James Hall, 2d, John McClure, Robert Miller.
- 1846 James Hall, 2d, John McClure, Robert Miller.
- 1847 John McClure, Wm. T. Whitelaw, Harry Moore.
- 1848 John McClure, James R. Park, Thomas Nelson, Jr.
- 1849 John Cameron, Robert Gibson, 2d, Moses Gates.
- 1850 John McClure, Moses Gates, John Bigelow.
- 1851 Harry Moore, Thomas Nelson, Jr., James R. Park.
- 1852 Harry Moore, Thomas Nelson, Jr., James R. Park
- 1853 John McClure, S. A. Moore, Robert Cochran.
- 1854 Samuel A. Moore, Robert Cochran, James R. Park.
- 1855 Robert Hall, Robert Gibson, 2d, M. R. Gray.
- 1856 Robert Hall, M. R. Gray, Robert Gibson, 2d.
- 1857 James R. Park, John McClure, Robert Nelson.
- 1858 James R. Park, Robert Nelson, Robert Cochran.
- 1859 Robert Cochran, Wm. J. Gibson, James Dickey.
- 1860 Wm. J. Gibson, James Dickey, W. J. Henderson.
- 1861 W. J. Henderson, James White, Moses D. Johnson.
- 1862 James White, M. D. Johnson, A. S. Moore.
- 1863 James White, H. G. Gibson, W. T. Whitelaw.
- 1864 H. G. Gibson, W. T. Whitelaw, W. J. Nelson.
- 1865 W. J. Nelson, Robert Nelson, Robert Gibson, 2d.
- 1866 Robert Nelson, Robert Gibson, Geo. L. Hall.
- 1867 G. L. Hall, Edward Miller, John H. Currier.
- 1868 G. L. Hall, John H. Currier, Edward Miller.
- 1869 Robert Cochran, Robert Nelson, John F. Nelson.
- 1870 Robert Cochran, Robert Nelson, Pringle Gibson.
- 1871 Pringle Gibson, Geo. L. Hall, Thomas Nelson.
- 1872 Geo. L. Hall, Thos. Nelson, James Johnston.
- 1873 James Johnston, Moses B. Hall, Robert Nelson.
- 1874 M. R. Gray, Geo. L. Hall, George Cochran.
- 1875 Geo. L. Hall, George Cochran, W. J. Gibson.
- 1876 W. J. Gibson, G. L. Hall, Hugh G. Miller.
- 1877 W. J. Gibson, G. L. Hall, H. G. Miller.
- 1878 Hugh G. Miller, G. L. Hall, Robert Nelson.
- 1879 Geo. L. Hall, Robert Nelson, Hugh G. Miller.
- 1880 James Johnston, Thomas Nelson, Jefferson Renfrew.
- 1881 James Johnston, Jefferson Renfrew, Thomas Nelson.
- 1882 James Johnston, Jefferson Renfrew, Thomas Nelson.
- 1883 Edward Miller, James White, Solomon Chamberlin.
- 1884 Pringle Gibson, David Lang, Solomon Chamberlin.
- 1885 Edward Miller, Geo. A. Gibson, Wm. J. Nelson.
- 1886 Edward Miller, Geo. A. Gibson, Wm. J. Nelson.

- 1887 Geo. Cochran, Wm. T. McLam, Henry McCole.
 1888 Geo. Cochran, Wm. T. McLam, Henry McCole.
 1889 John Henderson, Quincy A. Whitehill, Benjamin Manchester.
 1890 John Henderson, Quincy A. Whitehill, Benjamin Manchester.
 1891 James Johnston, Solomon Chamberlin, Wm. J. Henderson.
 1892 James Johnston, W. J. Henderson, Solomon Chamberlin.
 1893 W. J. Henderson, M. F. Sargent, C. W. Whitehill.
 1894 James Johnston, A. A. Miller, C. W. Whitehill.
 1895 A. A. Miller, C. W. Whitehill, M. F. Sargent.
 1896 Harvey Dunn, M. F. Sargent, C. W. Whitehill.
 1897 M. F. Sargent, Geo. G. Nelson, W. P. White.
 1898 Geo. G. Nelson, Wm. N. Gilfillan, B. Manchester.
 1899 Wm. N. Gilfillan, B. Manchester, C. H. McLure.
 1900 W. T. George, C. H. McLure, Geo. A. Gibson.
 1901 Geo. Cochran, C. H. McLure, H. T. Chamberlin.
 1902 Geo. Cochran, C. H. McLure, Geo. P. Sanderson.
 1903 Geo. Cochran, C. H. McLure, Geo. P. Sanderson.
 1904 Geo. Cochran, W. T. George, Geo. P. Sanderson.
 1905 Geo. Cochran, W. T. George, Geo. P. Sanderson.
 1906 Geo. Cochran, G. G. Nelson, Peach Thomas.
 1907 Geo. G. Nelson, Peach Thomas, Wilbert Renfrew.
 1908 Geo. G. Nelson, Peach Thomas, Wilbert Renfrew.
 1909 Geo. G. Nelson, Wm. T. McLure, R. Farquharson.

The legislature of 1908 changed the law, and provided that one selectman only should be chosen annually.

1910 Geo. G. Nelson, 1911 H. Chamberlin.

The moderator of the annual town meeting is, *ex officio*, moderator of all subsequent meetings during the year. In his absence another is chosen.

MODERATORS OF TOWN MEETINGS

1781 Alexander Symes	1782 John Hyndman
1783 Josiah Page	1784 William Neilson
1785 John Gray	1786 James Whitelaw
1787 James Whitelaw	1788 Josiah Page
1789 John Gray	1790 John Gray
1791 John Gray	1792 Josiah Page
1793 Josiah Page	1794 Josiah Page
1795 Josiah Page	1796 John Gray
1797 Jabez Bigelow	1798 Josiah Page
1799 John Cameron	1800 Josiah Page
1801 Jabez Bigelow	1802 Jabez Bigelow
1803 John Cameron	1804 John Cameron
1805 Not given	1806 Not given
1807 John Cameron	1808 John Cameron
1809 Josiah Page	1810 Robert Whitelaw
1811 Jabez Bigelow	1812 Jabez Bigelow
1813 Jabez Bigelow	1814 Robert Whitelaw
1815 Robert Whitelaw	1816 Hugh Laughlin
1817 William Gray	1818 William Gray
1819 Jabez Bigelow	1820 Jesse Heath
1821 Not given	1822 Jabez Bigelow
1823 Jabez Bigelow	1824 Jabez Bigelow
1825 Not given	1826 Abraham Page
1827 Not given	1828 William Gray
1829 Abraham Page	1830 John Cameron



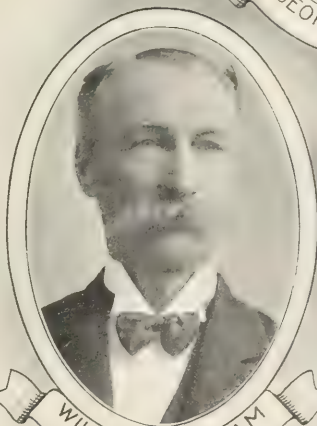
JOHN A. McLAM
TOWN CLERK



NELSON A. PARK
TOWN TREAS.



GEORGE G. NELSON
SELECTMAN



WILLIAM T. McLAM
SELECTMAN



ROBERT FARQUHARSON
SELECTMAN

TOWN OFFICERS OF RYEGATE VT. FOR 1909

1831	John Cameron	1832	John Cameron
1833	Archibald Park	1834	John B. Whitelaw
1835	John Cameron	1836	James Nelson, Jr.
1837	Alexander Harvey	1838	Archibald Park
1839	John Cameron	1840	John Cameron
1841	James Hall, 2d	1842	John Cameron
1843	James Hall 2d	1844	John Cameron
1845	James Hall, 2d	1846	James Hall, 2d
1847	John Cameron	1848	Thomas Nelson
1849	Thomas Nelson	1850	John Bigelow
1851	John Bigelow	1852	Thomas Nelson, Jr.
1853	Thomas Nelson, Jr.	1854	William T. Whitelaw
1855	Thomas Nelson, Jr.	1856	William T. Whitelaw
1857	Alexander Somers	1858	William T. Whitelaw
1859	Thomas Wason	1860	Claudius Somers
1861	John McLure	1862	W. J. Henderson
1863	William T. Whitelaw	1864	James White
1865	James White	1866	William T. Whitelaw
1867	James White	1868	James White
1869	John Bigelow	1870	James White
1871	John Bigelow	1872	James White
1873	W. J. Henderson	1874	James White
1875	James White	1876	James White
1877	James White	1878	James White
1879	M. R. Gray	1880	Alexander Dunnett
1881	Alexander Dunnett	1882	Alexander Dunnett
1883	W. J. Henderson	1884	W. J. Henderson
1885	M. R. Gray	1886	Thomas Nelson
1887	W. J. Henderson	1888	W. J. Henderson
1889	W. J. Henderson	1890	W. J. Henderson
1891	W. J. Henderson	1892	Pringle Gibson
1893	W. J. Henderson	1894	T. A. Meader
1895	T. A. Meader	1896	T. A. Meader
1897	Pringle Gibson	1898	W. J. Henderson
1899	T. A. Meader	1900	W. J. Henderson
1901	T. A. Meader	1902	T. A. Meader
1903	T. A. Meader	1904	T. A. Meader
1905	T. A. Meader	1906	J. D. McAllister
1907	J. D. McAllister	1908	J. D. McAllister
1909	T. A. Meader	1910	T. A. Meader
1911	T. A. Meader		

LISTERS.

Listers were at first called Assessors, and those who have held the office have been :

In 1776, John Gray and James Whitelaw, and there is no mention of their successors till 1781 when John Gray was chosen.

1782	John Gray, John Orr.
1783	Archibald Taylor, Andrew Brock.
1784	John Gray, William Johnston.
1785	William Neilson.
1786	William Neilson, Hugh Gardner.
1787	Andrew Brock James Neilson.
1788	
1789	
1790	James Whitelaw, Josiah Page.
1791	
1792	

- 1793 James Henderson, Hugh Gardner.
- 1794 John Gray, Hugh Gardner.
- 1795 Jabez Bigelow, Alexander Miller.
- 1796
- 1797 Jabez Bigelow, John Cameron.
- 1798 James Whitelaw. John Gray.
- 1799 Jabez Bigelow, Hugh Gardner, Jonathan Darling.
- 1800
- 1801 Hugh Johnson, Hugh Gardner, Hugh Laughlin.
- 1802 Hugh Johnson, Josiah Darling, John Neilson.
- 1803 John Neilson, James Esden, Jabez Bigelow.
- 1804 James Esden, James Nelson, Jr., Jabez Bigelow.
- 1805 Wm. Craig, Jabez Bigelow, James Nelson.
- 1806 Not recorded.
- 1807 John Nelson, Nathaniel Knight, James Craig.
- 1808 James Nelson, Jr., Robert Whitelaw, Jona. Darling.
- 1809 John Page, Hugh Laughlin. Jabez Bigelow.
- 1810 Wm. Craig, Jr., John Nelson, John Page.
- 1811 John Nelson Robert Whitelaw, Thomas Heath.
- 1812
- 1813 Robert Whitelaw, Hugh Laughlin. John Cameron.
- 1814 William Gray, William Allen, Jabez Bigelow.
- 1815 Jabez Bigelow, John Cameron, Alexander Henderson.
- 1816 John Page, Robert Whitelaw, Hugh Laughlin.
- 1817 Hugh Laughlin, Jabez Bigelow, William Gray.
- 1818 Arch. Park, Ezekiel Manchester. Jabez Bigelow.
- 1819 Jabez Bigelow, John Page, Alexander Henderson.
- 1820 James Esden, John Nelson, Jabez Bigelow.
- 1821 Jabez Bigelow, James Nelson, James Esden.
- 1822 Alexander Harvey, Jabez Bigelow, Amos Noyes.
- 1823 Jabez Bigelow, Amos Noyes, Alexander Harvey.
- 1824 Jesse Heath, William Gray, Alex. Henderson.
- 1825 Hugh Laughlin, Jabez Bigelow. Alex. Harvey.
- 1826 Jabez Bigelow, Alex. Harvey, Alex. Henderson.
- 1827 Andrew Warden, Ebenezer Morrill. Jabez Bigelow.
- 1828 Robert Whitelaw, James Nelson, Amos Noyes.
- 1829 Jabez Bigelow, William Gray, Andrew Buchanan.
- 1830 Ebenezer Morrill. Abraham Page, John Nelson.
- 1831 Walter Roben, William Gray, Amos Noyes.
- 1832 John Cameron, Jr., William Blair, John Gibson.
- 1833 John B. Whitelaw, James Nelson, Jr., Ebenezer Morrill.
- 1834 John B. Whitelaw, Ebenezer Morrill, George Nelson.
- 1835 John Nelson, James Hall, John Bigelow.
- 1836 John Bigelow. John Gibson. William Blair.
- 1837 John Cameron, Thomas Nelson, William Gray.
- 1838 Thomas Nelson, Harry Moore, John Hall
- 1839 Amos Noyes, John Cameron, Thomas Nelson.
- 1840 John Bigelow, John Nelson, Thomas Nelson.
- 1841 John Bigelow, Robert Symes, George Cowles.
- 1842 John Cameron, Robert Symes, Arch. Park.
- 1843 Wm. J. White, John Cameron, James Hall, 2d.
- 1844 John Bigelow, Robert Symes, John Buchanan.
- 1845 John Cameron, James R. Park, Thomas Nelson.
- 1846 John Cameron, Robert Gibson, Wm. T. Whitelaw.
- 1847 John Cameron, Arch. Park, Robert Gibson, 2d.
- 1848 Abram Whitehill, Robert Hall, Jr., Wm. Henderson, Jr.
- 1849 Wm. T. Whitelaw, Abram Whitehill, Robert Nelson.
- 1850 Abram Whitehill, Wm. T. Whitelaw, Wm. J. Gibson.
- 1851 James R. Park, John Buchanan, Alex. Holmes.
- 1852 David Nelson. John McClure. Claudius Stewart.
- 1853 George Cowles, J. R. Park, Cloud Somers.
- 1854 Robert Hall, Cloud Somers Thos. Nelson, Jr.

- 1855 John Cameron, Cloud Somers, S. A. Moore.
- 1856 A. Laughlin, Robert Cochran, W. T. Whitelaw.
- 1857 M. D. Johnson, George Lauder, Robert Symes.
- 1858 Geo. Lauder, Robert Miller, M. D. Johnson.
- 1859 H. E. Gibson, Geo. Lauder, Robert Symes.
- 1860 J. R. Park, H. G. Gibson, Robert Hall.
- 1861 J. R. Park, James Nelson, Robert Miller.
- 1862 J. R. Park, R. Miller, Jas. Nelson.
- 1863 Robert Gibson, 2d, John H. Currier, Wm. Nelson.
- 1864 Robert Gibson, J. R. Park, W. J. Gibson.
- 1865 J. R. Park, H. G. Gibson, Robert Cochran.
- 1866 H. G. Gibson, R. Cochran, J. B. Gibson.
- 1867 John B. Nelson, Wm. J. Gibson, W. J. Henderson.
- 1868 Wm. J. Gibson, Wm. J. Nelson, Wm. J. Henderson.
- 1869 Wm. J. Nelson, Robert Miller, Robert Gibson, 2d.
- 1870 James R. Park, H. G. Miller, H. G. Gibson.
- 1871 James R. Park, W. J. Henderson, H. G. Gibson.
- 1872 W. J. Henderson, John Miller, Robert Dickson.
- 1873 John Miller, Robert Dickson, James White.
- 1874 James White, James Johnston, Geo. A. Gibson.
- 1875 James Johnston, Geo. A. Gibson, J. R. Park.
- 1876 J. R. Park, Thomas Nelson, Pringle Gibson.
- 1877 Thomas Nelson, Pringle Gibson, John Nelson.
- 1878 John Henderson, James Johnston, Wm. J. Gibson.
- 1879 James Johnston, Jefferson Renfrew, John Miller.
- 1880 John Miller, Geo. A. Gibson, John Henderson.
- 1881 M. R. Gray, W. J. Henderson, James White.
- 1882 M. R. Gray, W. J. Henderson, James White.
- 1883 James Johnston, Geo. Cochran, A. S. Moore.
- 1884 Geo. Cochran, Geo. A. Gibson, Wm. T. McLam.
- 1885 Wm. T. McLam, David Buchanan, N. H. Ricker.
- 1886 Pringle Gibson, David Buchanan, W. J. Henderson.
- 1887 Q. A. Whitehill, P. Gibson, Ben. Manchester.
- 1888 P. Gibson, B. Manchester, Q. A. Whitehill.
- 1889 Geo. L. Hall, Jas. Johnston, Geo. A. Gibson.
- 1890 Geo. A. Gibson, Geo. L. Hall, Edward Miller.
- 1891 Wm. Cassidy, J. H. Symes, Andrew Buchanan.
- 1892 Wm. Cassidy, J. H. Symes, A. Buchanan.
- 1893 W. A. Gibson, T. A. Meader, Harvey Dunn.
- 1894 W. A. Gibson, Thos. A. Meader, Ben. Manchester.
- 1895 J. D. McAllister, S. F. Nelson, Harvey Dunn.
- 1896 F. R. McColl, A. A. Miller, S. F. Nelson.
- 1897 F. R. McColl, C. H. McLure, S. F. Nelson.
- 1898 F. R. McColl, S. F. Nelson, C. H. McLure.
- 1899 F. R. McColl, S. F. Nelson, J. H. Symes.
- 1900 S. F. Nelson, O. H. Renfrew, A. K. Morse.
- 1901 F. R. McColl, Geo. E. Harvey, T. A. Meader.
- 1902 T. A. Meader, P. Gibson, Geo. E. Harvey.
- 1903 W. T. George, H. F. Chamberlin, W. N. Gilfillan.
- 1904 S. F. Nelson, H. F. Chamberlin, R. Farquharson.
- 1905 T. D. Nelson, R. Farquharson, A. J. Whitehill.
- 1906 R. Farquharson, C. H. McLure, C. W. Whitehill.
- 1907 F. R. McColl, C. H. McLure, I. H. Gilfillan.
- 1908 C. H. McLure, F. R. McColl, I. H. Gilfillan.
- 1909 C. L. McLam, C. M. Wallace, B. R. Bone.
- 1910 J. Craigie, C. H. McLure.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND DIRECTORS.

There was no supervision of the district schools in town till 1829, and the people in each district managed their educational affairs as they

saw fit. In that year Rev. James Milligan, Dr. Eli Perry and Abraham Page were chosen a superintending committee. Their successors were: 1830, Dr. Perry; 1831, Rev. James Milligan, Rev. Wm. Pringle and Dr. Perry; 1832, John Bigelow, Rev. James Milligan and Rev. Wm. Pringle; 1833, Archibald Park, William Gray and John Cameron. For some reason not now clear, there is no further mention in the town records of any oversight of the schools on the part of the town, till 1846 when it was voted to have only one superintendent, and Rev. J. M. Beattie was chosen, and held the office for three years. There seems to have been some form of examination required for teachers, as in 1846 the first recorded certificates are mentioned. The succeeding superintendents were:

1849	Rev. Robert A. Hill	1871-74	James W. Greeg
1850	Rev. James M. Beattie	1875-77	J. B. Darling
1851	Rev. Robert A. Hill	1878, '79	Alex. Dunnett
1852	John Bigelow	1880	Rev. J. B. Clapperlin
1853-55	Edward Miller	1881	Mary G. Esden
1856	Hugh G. Miller	1882-84	R. J. White
1857, '58	Theophilus J. McLure	1885	Rev. W. W. Reed
1859, '60	Archibald Renfrew	1886, '87	Rev. J. W. Flagg
1861-63	T. J. McLure	1888-01	N. A. Park
1864-68	Rev. G. M. Wiley	1902-07	Rev. W. S. Wallace
1869, '70	Rev. J. M. Beattie		

In 1893 the town system of schools came into operation, a school board of three directors being constituted, one of whom is chosen each year. The first directors chosen were:

Geo. W. Darling for one year.
Wm. T. McLam for two years.
Walter A. Gilchrist for two years.

The following have served as school directors since 1893:

Henry J. Park, six years.	F. R. McColl, three years.
Thos. A. Meader, three years.	Mrs. J. A. McLam, six years.
S. F. Nelson, three years.	A. W. McLam, eight years.
Geo. W. Darling, ten years.	W. N. Gilfillan, three years.
C. W. H. Wilson, three years.	

The Directors for 1910 were:

C. W. H. Wilson.
A. W. McLam.
F. R. McColl.

CHAPTER XXV.

MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS.

JAMES WHITELAW TO HIS FATHER, 1773.—JAMES HENDERSON'S BOND.—MEETING HOUSE ACCOUNT.—VOTE OF MEMBERS ABOUT TIMBER.—ROBERT BROCK'S BOND.—WEIGHT OF MILL IRONS.—CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP.—LETTER FROM MANAGERS IN SCOTLAND.—MONEY REMITTED TO SCOTLAND.—BILL OF EXCHANGE.—LETTER FROM SCOTLAND, 1809.—RYEGATE MEN IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR, THE WAR OF 1812, THE MEXICAN WAR AND THE CIVIL WAR.

THE following letter from James Whitelaw to his father gives such an interesting account of the country just before the revolutionary war that we reproduce it:

DEAR FATHER:

Having an opportunity of being once more in this place and of two ships being ready to sail for England, I again write you that I am in good health and have reason to be thankful to God that I never was so well in my life as since I came to this country, for to the best of my remembrance I never gave a single cough since I left Greenock.

As we have now been through all the places which we intend to visit in this province, I will give you a short account of what we have seen, since we left this place. On Wednesday the 9th of June we set out for Albany in a sloop, and arrived there on Saturday the 12th at night, the distance being 165 miles. We met with worse weather going up the river than we did in all our passage from Europe. One night it blew so hard that I was obliged to stand for a sailor the whole night. The land on the banks of river is very steep and rocky, most part of the way between this and Albany, but when you come near Albany it becomes flat and very pleasant. Albany is a handsome little town about twice as large as Anderstown, and the inhabitants mostly Dutch. We set out from there for Johnson Hall, where Sir William Johnson lives, which is on the bank of the Mohawk River about 44 miles west from Albany where we went to view some lands he had to sell. The lands are very good, but the situation not so good, being over a high mountain and through a large swamp, and there is no navigation nearer than Albany.

Here we saw great numbers of Indians of which there are always plenty about this place; they are of a tawny complexion with long straight black hair, which their squaws or women wear long and tied behind, and the men wear theirs short. Their shape is handsome for the most part, and of an ordinary size. They wear no clothes except a kind of blanket which they wrap about their shoulders, and two pieces of skin which they wear, the one before and the other behind to cover their nakedness. They seem to be very fond of jewels, as the best part of them have bracelets, ear-rings and nose jewels, which is an ear-ring which they hang between their mouth and nose, the gristle of their nose being pierced for that purpose. We saw one in particular which beside the aforementioned jewels had a round piece of leather hung before his breast, which was all drove full of

white-headed nails, and a great number of buttons and other trinkets hung around it, and he wore a cap made of some beast's skin with the hair on it, and a long tail came down to his waist, at the end of which hung about 20 or 25 women's thimbles. You may easily conjecture what a noise these trinkets made as he walked along. What makes them most remarkable is the painting of their faces which they color all over with red and black streaks.

We bought two horses here and set out from this place for New Perth, where one Dr Clark lives, who was to inform us about lands and he told us that he had some small lots, but none large enough for us. From this we were to have gone to Crown Point, but he told us that all the lands about Lake Champlain were in dispute between the two governors of York and New Hampshire, and indeed all the land in the province, so we went from there to Charlestown in New Hampshire, where Mr. Church lives, who is partner with Dr Witherspoon and Mr. Pagan in their township on Connecticut river, and he went along with us and showed it to us, and it seems to be good land, but very far back, being more than 300 miles from New York, and it lies along the bank of Connecticut river. It is 200 miles above Hartford which is the highest that sloops run up the river. The nearest seaport is Portsmouth which lies about 100 miles east of it.

On our way to this place we lodged one night where Dr. Wheelock has his Indian Academy or College, when we went and called for him, and as it was night he invited us into prayers in his college, where he prayed very earnestly for all the people who had contributed to the building and maintaining of the college. He told us that he now has upwards of 80 students in his college of whom about 30 were on charity, and 17 of these were Indians.

On our way from Doctor Clark's to Charlestown we had a very bad road being over some very steep mountains, and one morning we set out from a house at 6 o'clock and did not see another till 12, our road being through the woods where we had no way but by marks on the trees as the road was not cut out. From Charlestown to New York the road is pretty good as it is mostly through an old inhabited country. The hay harvest is all finished along the road and now they are busy with their wheat and rye harvest. They have a curious way of managing their stacks, so that as soon as they are up they are thatched and it is this: They have 4 long trees which they set up at the 4 corners of the place where they are to build the stack and they make a frame on which they erect a roof.

The crops in this country are not so good as I expected to find them as their wheat does not commonly produce above 6 or 7 bolls an acre, and their rye about the same. Their barley looks to be very good, but their oats are rather indifferent. Their Indian corn will produce 12 or 14 bolls an acre, and they have several ways of cooking it so it makes excellent food. They have plenty of white peas and a kind of bean, but none of our Scotch peas or beans. If the country were properly cultivated they might perhaps have larger crops for they do nothing but just plow and sow, and in some places they summer fallow their wheat land, which turns out greatly to their advantage.

There are several ways of clearing land in this country such as girdling, cutting and grubbing. Girdling is only cutting a notch about an inch deep, and two inches wide round the root of the tree which makes it die. Their method of cutting is to stand upright and cut the tree about two or three feet from the ground, as for grubbing, it is very little practiced, tho it is surely the best way.

When they want only pasture, they only cut the small brush and girdle the trees, and for tillage they cut all except the very large ones which they girdle, and then they set fire to them and burn them, and with the leaves lying on the ground burn the whole surface, then without doing anything else they harrow through the roots with a three-cornered brake, then sow their grain which will grow tolerable good. This they continue for three or four years, after which they use the plow.

The weather they tell us has been warmer than ordinary for three weeks past, and though it is warmer than at home it is in no way intolerable, and the people in this country seem very healthy.

I never expected to have stood my journey so well for though we have rode, since we bought our horses about five hundred miles, I have never been the least weary.

Pray Remember me to my Mother, and to all my brothers and sisters, and all other friends and acquaintances.

I have no more, but remain yours, etc.

JAMES WHITELAW.

NEW YORK, July 13, 1773.

After nearly all the previous part of this volume had been printed, some papers of James Henderson, the pioneer, were found among his descendants in another state, and were sent to us. They came too late to be used in the narrative but some of them are so interesting and valuable that we decided to reproduce them in full.

CONTRACT WITH JAMES HENDERSON.

This Contract of the date underwritten made and entered into between the partys following viz.—:

William Houston, Farmer in Craigend, Praeses; John Erskine, Farmer in Beiley; William Neilson, Farmer in Glenshinnock; Andrew Arthur, Son to John Arthur, Farmer in Boghall; Alexander Barnhill, Brewer in Port Glasgow; Matthew White, Farmer in Garneland; William Blackwood, Farmer in Bottom; John Paterson and Robert Brock, Farmers in Barns of Clyde; William Semple, Farmer in Brickhouse; John Cross, Milner at Braehead, and John Allen, Weaver in Paisley; Managers of the Scotch-American Company of Farmers on the one part, and James Henderson, Wright.

On the other part in manner following *Witnesseth*, That the said James Henderson hath become bound As he hereby binds and obliges himself to proceede on a voyage as Soon as the said managers shall require him So to do alongst with the said Companys Commissioners. And that to any of His Majestys Colonys or Dominions That the said Managers or Commissioners shall direct, or wherein they shall purchase lands for the said Companys behoof, in manner mentioned in the Contract of Copartnery entered into by the several partners of the said Company and the said James Henderson shall there remain for the Space of Fourteen days after his arrival at the said Company's Charges And thereafter at his own proper expense and Charges until Such time as the Said Companys Commissioners shall have purchased said Lands and require him to begin to work for them And that he shall there serve the said Company or their Commissioners or Managers in America for the time being in such Service and Employment as the said Company's Managers or Commissioners in America Shall Employ him in. And that for the Space of One year Compleat from & after he the said James Henderson Shall be required and begin to work to the said Company. And further the said James Henderson doth hereby bind and oblige himself to carry with him the whole Tools that he presently hath And to use them at the said Company's work during the sd Space. And the said James Henderson doth hereby declare & Covenant that he at the time of Subscribing hereof is of age of ————— years and — mo.

JAMES HENDERSON,

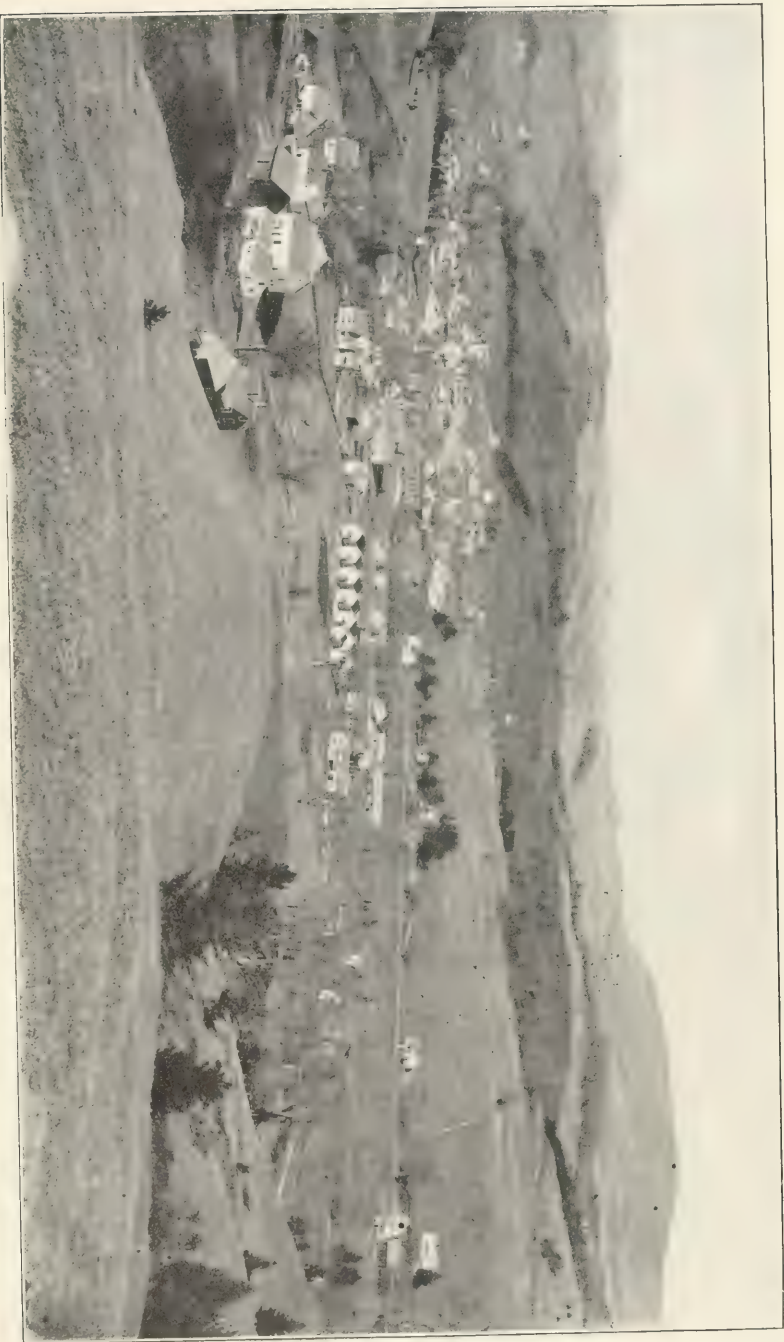
WILLIAM HOUSTON,
WILLIAM NEILSON,
ANDREW ARTHUR,
ALEX. BARNHILL,
MATTHEW WHITE,
WILLIAM BLACKWOOD,
JOHN PATERSON,
ROBERT BROCK,
WILLIAM SEMPLE,
JOHN CROSS,
JOHN ALLAN.

This curious paper is inserted as giving the prices of labor and materials in 1797, as well as light upon the customs of the time.

An account of work done at Ryegate Meeting House and other Charges for Materials &c, &c.

	Dollars.	Cents.
For the Frame Hewing 65 days at 4/6 per d.	43	33
To framing of Meeting House 80 days at 4/6 per d.	53	33
No Charge for Hauling this part.		
Slit work 1147 feet Being 4 inches Square,	}	
Being 1429 feet of Boards.		
250 feet of joists at 6 in. Depth and 3 thick 384		
feet of Boards,		
148 feet of 3 inch plank to go Round the Ell,	}	
The whole added is 2061 feet at 5½ Dollars at		
the Spot each Thousand,	11	33
Cost of Liquor at Raising,	14	25
For Liquor at Vandoeing the Meeting House,	1	50
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	123	74
Besides Bread and Cheese and other things. By other		
people I know not how much.		
This for the Frame when Raised.		
For the Covering and other work to finish as it now is.		
12 Thousand feet of Boards @ 5½ Dollars per M.	66	00
14 Thousand Shingles @ 10 shil. per M,	23	33
3 Thousand Clap Boards @ 6 Dollars per M,	18	00
50 Thousand Nails & 17 M Shingle Nails at 3/6,	9	91
13 M Clap Board Nails @ 7/ per M,	15	17
16 M Board Nails one half Cut the other half worked		
at 11/ Shillings.	29	33
4 M 20 penny Nails @ 16/ Shillings per M,	10	66
2 Boxes glass at 16 Dollars per Box,	32	00
For work Mr. Clough 56 Days at 5/ per Day,	46	66
James Heath 33 Days at 4/ Shillings per Day,	22	00
James Henderson 33 Days at 5/ Shillings per Day,	27	50
Daniel Munroe 6 Days at 5/ Shillings per Day,	5	00
32 Days of Other hands at 3 Shillings per Day,	16	00
For Board of these men 16 weeks and one half at 8		
Shillings per week,	22	00
For putty and setting glass that now is done,	4	00
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	347	55
The sashes that is to make 15 windows at 24 squares		
Each and 4 pence per Square the Making is	20	00
2 Boxes glass 32 Dollars Putty Setting and Fitting in,	40	00
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	60	00
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	531	30
7 Dollars for Laying under floor,	7	
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	538	30
The tax Bill that I had to collect for it amounts only	368	
to 343.3 cents, the fees for Collecting out of it and	<hr/>	<hr/>
a good many that cannot be got.	170	

The following paper indicates that people a century ago had ideas regarding forestry.



SOUTH RYEGATE VILLAGE FROM JEFFERSON HILL.

RYEGATE, Dec. 6th, 1803.

At a meeting of the Members of the Scotch American Company of Farmers holden this day at the dwelling house of Mr. Andrew Brock in this town.

1st Voted, That all the persons who own company's land shall have leave in an equal proportion to cut pine timber on lots No. 130, 131 & 132 Lying south of Mr. Henderson's land and West of Mr. Whitelaw's land.

2d Voted, That all newcomers who have not formerly cut timber on sd lots shall have leave to cut and draw to the Mill sufficient timber to make three thousand feet of boards, each, besides paying the mill's share.

3rd Voted, That all who have formerly cut, and all others after having 3000 feet shall pay a square edged board out of their half of each log, *provided nevertheless* that no person shall cut timber on sd lots to make any more boards than they want for their own use, except Mr. Andrew Brock who is to have every privilege that his father was understood to have when that land was deeded to him.

4th Voted, That unless the timber that is now cut down be cut into logs within one week from this date, any one in the company may cut what are left at that time and put their mark on them and draw them and have them sawed for their own use, the same as if they had first cut down the trees, and in future every person who cuts a tree shall immediately cut it into logs and mark it else forfeit his right to it, extraordinary excepted.

5th Voted, That after any given log has lain a month from the time it is cut, any person in the Company may take the log and mark it with his own Mark and immediately draw it to the Mill, after which the person who cut it shall have no claim to it and those who have timber which was cut before this winter shall draw it to the Mill within two months else it shall be forfeited as above.

Attest: JAMES WHITELAW, Clerk to the Meeting.

BOND GIVEN BY ROBERT BROCK.

Know all men by these presents that I, Robert Brock, of the town of Ryegate, County of Orange, and State of Vermont, for Myself my Heirs, Executors and Assigns and Administrators am firmly Bound and Obligated unto James Henderson, John Gray and William Neilson, Agents of the Scots American Co., and their successors forever in penal sum of One Hundred and Thirty Pounds Sterling Money to be well and truly paid to the said Managers, Agents and Successors, viz.:

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if I, the said Robert Brock, above Bounden, my Heirs and Successors, keep the Mills now in my possession on the Great Falls on Wells River, in sufficient repair so as to do Business for Two days in the week, or oftener if necessity requires until such time only as the Town or Company erect a Mill or Mills in Newbury or Ryegate bounds, or refuse to haul Millstones, then this obligation to be null and void. Otherwise to remain in full force.

Given at Ryegate this 29th day of Sept. 1786.

ROBERT BROCK.

WILLIAM JOHNSON, }
JAMES WHITELAW, } Witnesses.

CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMPANY.

WILLIAM WALLACE, Shoemaker in the Parish of Eastwood having offered himself as a Member of the Scots American Company of Farmers and having paid the sum of Five Pounds Sterling Money to the Managers of the said Company, and further has become bound to Obtemper and fulfil the whole Article—Clauses and Conditions contained in the bond of their association, an exact copy whereof is hereto prefixed and therefore for the better security of the said William Wallace and to entitle him to his proportioned share of Lands and other profits arising from the management of the said Company in so far as he may be concerned—He is therefore Entered as a Member and partner upon the said Company's record and the said Entrance signed by William Houston, Preces.

HOUSTON, 19 Aug. 1774.

That the above is a just and true copy of the said William Wallace's Entrance, and that by virtue thereof he was allowed by the Managers to draw for his Lotts Efferring to the above Inputt, when he drew the Number one Hundred and one Hundred and one _____

All which is extracted from the said company's record and is attested by

WILLIAM STEWART, Co. Cl'k.

The following letter shows the difficulty which the managers on both sides of the ocean found in adjusting their accounts.

RENFREW, 1st March, 1797.

Gentlemen: Your letter to the managers of date 13 May, 1796 came safe to hand in answer to ours of the 6th Feb'y, 1796 by which we are happy to learn of your welfare and prosperity and approve of your conduct in the management of what concerns us in Ryegate.

Upon the 10th day of Feb'y last there was a meeting of the managers here when your letter was read before them, by which you inform us of the state of lots in Ryegate as it at present stands as to number. Also you inform us there has been sold by you and Rob't Brock about sixty-three lots at twenty-eight Dollars per lot. Now after all the inquiries we have been able to make we cannot be certain of the number of vacant or forfeited lots because the Members are so scattered. Deaths &c., have happened, and also that several of our number set out in war time after having paid every charge then due, yet were carried into Boston or other places in the time of the war, when the British were in possession of the places where they were landed, a number of whom never got to Ryegate to possess the lands they had paid for, in so far as we know, for which reasons we are of opinion that no more lots should be sold for some time at least, in case any of the heirs of some of these people who had been so unfortunate should yet claim, and we should not wish that any having right should be disappointed.

You wish us to appoint the way of conveyance for you to remit to us the money or price of these lots you have sold for the Co. when due, according to the terms on which you have strict bargains with your buyers.

But considering the distance and other impediments that would lie in our way, the Managers at the above meeting were unanimous in opinion that you yourselves had far better opportunities than we. Such as you must be acquainted with several good merchants about N. York or elsewhere who have business in this country and from whom you could easily purchase bills upon some good house in Glasgow, Greenock or other place in Scotland, where we could draw the cash, which is the easiest and safest way of remittance for us both. Our meeting on the 10th Feb. last authorized us hereto subscribing to write you these their resolutions, and we remain,

Gentlemen, sincerely your most humble servants.

DAVID ALLAN,
WILLIAM HOUSTON.

The following is added as a postscript to the foregoing letter.

RENFREW, 1 March, 1797.

Gentlemen: As I wrote Messrs. James Nelson and William Craig of date 29th Feb. 1796, desiring them to such measures unto my six lots of land in Ryegate (for which all charges are paid) as should secure my property there, but I am now informed by the Co's letter of 3d of May last that nothing short of settling the lands can secure the property. But I have since seen a letter from Mr. Andrew Brock to his brother William saying that if any of the Co. wished to redeem their property that on writing him for that purpose he would do it for them.

By this I hereby empower Mr. Brock to secure mine, viz.: My six lots in Ryegate, and in the meantime as Mr. James Nelson is said to wish to purchase them, let him inform me by first opportunity what price he will give for my six lots and how he will remit the money to me.

I remain yours, &c.,

WM. HOUSTON.

The above are addressed,

MR. JAMES HENDERSON IN RYEGATE,
County of Orange, State of Vermont,
N. America.

Care of Mr. Peter Hatridge, merch,
Pearle Street, New York.

The following extract from the books of the Managers show how much was received by them:

<i>To Company,</i>	<i>Dr.</i>
Sold by Managers 121 Lots of Land before Jan. 1815 at,	\$4545.71

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(This is of interest as showing how the money was remitted to Scotland. When a man in Scotland was coming to Ryegate with money or wished to send it for investment, he deposited it with the managers in Scotland, receiving from them bills of exchange drawn upon the managers in Ryegate. By this means the risk of transporting money across the ocean was avoided.)

Oct. 21, 1801. Paid by a Draught from Andrew Buchanan of £45.3 Sterling of Company Money, the Receipt of it confirmed by a letter of Date Feb. 16, 1802, Signed by John Paterson, Preces, and others of the Co.,	\$ 200.66
May 21, 1803. Paid to Andrew Miller a bill of Exchange drawn on his father in behalf of the Com.,	444.44
Mills sold to Old Mr. Brock, three Lots.	555.56
May 5, 1806. Paid to Andrew Brock in Behalf of John Paterson and others in the Comp'y,	173.61
April 15, 1807. Paid to the said Andrew Brock as above,	16.50
May, 1809. Paid Mr. Marsh to answer a Draught the Company sent to New York to Mr. Bethune for £100 Sterling, and £3 Sterling it cost Mr. Marsh to purchase New York Bill,	457.78
Oct. 26, 1809. Paid Robert Fulton for a Draught he gave on his father in Scotland to the Comp'y as per Receipt,	19.08
Aug. 7, 1810. Paid to Mr. Bachop for a Draught for his friend in Scotland as per receipt,	45.94
June 10, 1814. Paid William Allan in part of a Debt due to him from the Company in Behalf of one John Allan a partner in the Company in Scotland,	93.00
From Oct 4, 1803 to March 1811 from Bills by Mr. Todd in Glasgow to John Paterson there in Behalf of James Henderson, Jun. here and interest,	528.36
May 4, 1812. Paid James McNab for a Bill of Exchange that John Paterson Received in Scotland in Behalf of the Com'y,	337.69

Nov. 23, 1812. Paid James Wallace for a Draught on his Brother in Scotland that the Com'y received as per Receipt,	55.26
1812 a tax of 4 cents on each acre of land granted by the Legislature for Roads and Bridges the Com'y sum for sd tax paid by J. Henderson,	20.04
From the year 1810 to the year 1812 for Com'y letters going and coming and some deeds recording,	1.60
From the year 1812 to 1815 for Letters, Records and other Company business,	3.70
From the year 1813 to the year 1818 for Letters, Records and other Company Business paid by James Henderson,	4.70
Paid for them [in Scotland] and to them before this date Jan. 1815, \$3424.00.	
May 29, 1812. Paid by Mr. Todd of Glasgow to John Neilson there in Behalf of James Henderson, Jun., here and paid to sd Henderson here and of Co's. Money,	137.56
May 27, 1816. (From and to same),	133.34
Nov. 5, 1817. (From and to same),	133.34
Nov. 24, 1817. Paid by William Holmes of Kilmalcolm parish to John Neilson in Behalf of the Com'y here, And this money paid to John and Alexander Holmes out of Co's. Money, as per Receipt,	132.40
Jan. 30, 1819. Paid by Mr. Todd of Glasgow in Behalf of James Henderson, Jun., here, and the same sum paid here,	133.34
Jan. 15, 1820. Paid Matthew White by your instruction in Behalf of his grandfather David Smith in Scotland,	41.00
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FORM OF BILL OF EXCHANGE.

RYEGATE MILLS, 21 May, 1803.

Ninety Days after Sight of this my first of exchange My second and third of the same tenor and date not being paid, Pay to the Order of James Henderson, William Neilson and Hugh Gardner One Hundred Pound Sterling money and place the same to my account.

Your loving son,

ANDREW MILLER.

To Mr. JAMES MILLER,
Farmer in Chapel,

Pay the within Contents to John Paterson, Preses in Glenshinock, parish of Erskine.

JAMES HENDERSON,
WILLIAM NEILSON,
HUGH GARDNER.

LETTER FROM THE MANAGERS IN SCOTLAND.

This relates to the sums mentioned in the previous account.

RENFREW, JUNE 24, 1809.

GENTLEMEN:

We wrote you of Date the 10th Octr, 1808 having a few days previous received yours of Date the 1st of July. In ours of that Date we informed you that we had written you the 23^d of Maylast, at which time we Drew on you for £100 Sterling at 60 Days after sight payable to Davie Berthune, Esq., New York; we also in-

formed you that before Draughting the Bill we called on Mr. David Todd that in case he paid any Money we might deduct it from the £100 but he informed us at that time he would pay no money unless he were regularly drawn upon.

Notwithstanding, on Delivering the letter inclosed in the wrapper along with yours of the 1st of July on seeing its contents, he seemed so well Pleased with the Family his Daughter had married into that he paid us £30 Ster. which we thought advisable to take, altho we had drawn upon you for the £100. Mr. Todd letting us understand that his Daughter was in no want of money, and would take it from you when you could get it cashed. We wrote you also that we called on James Millar about the security from Mr. Whitehill. He said he never received the scrape of a pen from him, therefore he could have had no security from him. He also says that if his son and you could send him a regular Bond subscribed by James Whitehill whereon he becomes bound to Pay James Millar, Andrew Millars' father £200 Ster. which he understands to be the £100 he paid and the other which is due. * * When we met at Renfrew John Fulton appeared and paid us 4 Guineas which we gave him a receipt for, which sum you are to pay to his son Robert Fulton on receiving this. * *

We think that the common lands and forfeit lots should pay all the Debts of the Co., and have a full sum for all the just claimers of lots, as there is a number of Members who paid their Inputs, but are forfeit for not paying their Assessments. The Debt now amounts to £160, 18, 5, which was advanced by the Managers in the year 1786, the interest of which sum at the time we received the Draught of £60 from Mr. McCallum was £120, 12/ which with £45, 3/ afterwards received made only £105, 3/ Ster. which we have Received, besides the £30 from Mr. Todd, the £4, 4/ from Mr. Fulton. We trust soon to receive the balance.

Yours with all Due Esteem,

JOHN PATERSON, Presess.

To Messrs. JAMES HENDERSON,
HUGH GARDNER,
WILLIAM NEILSON,

JAMES SMITH,
MATTHEW SHAW,
JOHN NEILSON.

RYEGATE, March 29, 1821.

This day William Neilson and James Henderson, Managers of the Scots American Company met on purpose to examine the Book where the Records of their Business are kept both in Debt and Credit.

And find by Book that the Managers here, William Nelson and James Henderson are indebted to the Managers in Scotland \$4555 Dollars and 47 Cents.

Likeways they find the managers in Scotland by Book at the same Date above indebted to the managers here, William Nelson and James Henderson the sum of \$5326 Dollars and 33 Cents.

WEIGHT OF MILL IRONS.

The following paper in the hand writing of James Whitelaw gives the names and weight of the irons used in the saw mill and grist mill at Boltonville in 1775. We give it to show the names of the different parts of the iron work used in the construction of the old time up-and-down saw mills. There are few living who can tell how they were put together.

	Lbs.
Spindle,	125
Horns,	48
Grist miln gudgeons,	97
4 large hoops for the grist miln axletree,	63
Box in which the foot of the spindle runs,	16
4 picks,	15½

2 crow bars,	50
3 short bolts for raising the millstones,	12
Crank,	133
6 round and one square hoop,	80
Irons for fixing the ends of the saw,	64
1 gudgeon for the saw miln water wheel,	34
Rag wheel iron, 2 staples, 6 spikes and pawl,	72½
2 gudgeons for the rag wheel,	11
4 doggs,	24
Crow for pushing round the rag wheel,	6¾
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	952½

REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS WHO LIVED IN RYEGATE.*

The following came before the war. (Those marked with a star are buried here.)

Major James Witherspoon
Bartholemew Somers
John Orr
Patrick Lang
John Wilson

David Reid*
John Hyndman*
Hugh Gammell
John Waddell

These lived here after the war:

Er Chamberlin*
Jesse Heath
Abiel Learned
Elihu Johnson*
Ezra Gates
Thomas Mellen
William Tice
Jacob Page*
Joshua Hunt*

Allan Stewart*
Sylvanus Learned*
Moses Moore
Samuel Johnson
Abraham Alexander
John Slye*
Josiah Page*
Daniel Hunt*

To the war of 1812 there went from Ryegate:

Wells Goodwin
William Thomas
Stephen Meader, and probably others.

John O. Page
John Thomas

To the Mexican war:

John Merrill Goodwin
Adam Craig

Moses Roben

* In answer to inquiries: Nahum Powers who was taken prisoner at Greensboro during the Revolutionary War, was a brother of Rev. Peter Powers of Newbury; (b. April 11, 1741); was at Lexington and Bunker Hill; Grantee of Plymouth, N. H., where he lived; removed to Newbury and served 8 months in Capt. Lovewell's Co; taken prisoner Aug. 10, 1781, and carried to Canada; exchanged May 17, 1782; removed to New York State where he died.—[His. of Plymouth, N. H.]

RYEGATE IN THE CIVIL WAR.

In the following list are given the names of natives of the town who served in the Civil War, with the company and regiment in which each was enrolled. There must be others, not known to us. With these are given the names of a few who were not born here, but who either enlisted from Ryegate or were long resident here. A star indicates death in service. This list has been prepared under the supervision of Messrs. A. M. Whitelaw and Robert G. Brock.

NAME	COMPANY	REGIMENT
Abbott, Amos W.,	F	15th Vt.
Abbott, Peter M.,	K	3d Vt.
Barden, John T.,	F	15th Vt.
Batchelder, Nathaniel,	A	11th Vt.
Batchelder, James N.,*	F	15th Vt.
Beattie, Alexander M.,	I	3d Vt.
Bigelow, Alexander T.,	F	15th Vt.
Brock, Robert G.,	F	15th Vt.
Brown, Thomas H.,*	F	1st U. S. S. S.
Cameron, John S.,		R. I. Cav.
Carbee, John F.,	K	15th Vt.
Carbee, Henry C.,		2d Bat.
Cassady, William,	F	15th Vt.
Chamberlin, James A.,		4th Vt.
Craig, Albert E.,	G	6th Vt.
Craig, Daniel R.,*	G	6th Vt.
Craig William Parker,*	G	6th Vt.
Currier, Henry M.,	H	4th Vt.
Daniels, Oscar B.,	D	8th Vt.
Dickson, George,		Western Reg.
Dickson James,		Western Reg.
Dickey, Albert,	A	11th Vt.
Donaldson, David M.,		37th Mass.
Folger, William S.,		10th Vt.
Gates, Calvin K.,	G	9th Vt.
Gates, Nehemiah,*	F	15th Vt.
Gibson, William J.,	Chaplain	45th Penn.
Gibson, John,	Chaplain	Iowa Reg.
Gibson, Charles,*		Iowa Reg.
Gibson, Robert M.,*		Iowa Reg.
Gibson, Henry T.,*		Iowa Reg.
Gibson, Edwin Z.,*	F	15th Vt.
Gilkerson, Thomas G.,*	F	15th Vt.
Guthrie, Archibald,*	E	6th Vt.
Guthrie, James H.,		1st U. S. S. S.
Guthrie, Thomas H.,*	H	4th Vt.
Hayward, George W.	G	9th Vt.
Henderson, John,*	K	3d Vt.
Henderson, William,*	D	3d Vt.
Henderson, William J.,	G	9th Vt.
Holmes, Edwin C.,	B	6th N. H.
Holmes, John K.,*		Iowa Reg.
Hunter, James R.,		2d Col. Cav.
Hunter, Moses R.,	F	15th Vt.
Kennedy, Ronald A.,	I	3d Vt.
Knight, Samuel P.,		Cal. Cav.

NAME	COMPANY	REGIMENT
Langmaid, Solomon Sias,		3d Vt.
Langmaid, Albert H.	E	3d Vt.
Lamphere, Charles E.,	D	15th Vt.
Laughlin, Andrew S.	F	15th Vt.
Lumsden, Calvin E.,		4th Vt.
Lumsden, Erastus C.,*		4th Vt.
Learned, Benj. F.,	G	9th Vt.
Learned, Selden F.,	G	9th Vt.
Learned, Wm. A.	G	9th Vt.
Lamb, Charles S.,*	D	8th Vt.
McCole, Archibald,*,	H	4th Vt.
McCole, Henry,	H	4th Vt.
McCole, Robert,*,	A	11th Vt.
McLure, James T. H.,	G	9th Vt.
McLam, James,	D	15th Vt.
McLam, Robert,		6th Vt.
McLam, Robert G.,*		U. S. N.
Meador, Charles H.,		8th Vt.
Meador, John H.,*		1st U. S. S. S.
Miller, Andrew J.	F	15th Vt.
Miller, Henry C.,*	C	3d Vt.
Miller, Thomas J.,		3d Vt.
Miller, Archibald J.,	F	15th Vt.
Miller, David		
Morse, Henry E.,*	G	9th Vt.
McQueen, Alexander,	K	15th Vt.
Nelson, Thomas,	I	3d Vt.
Nelson, Thomas Jr.,	L	11th Vt.
Nelson, Wm. H.,*	H	4th Vt.
Orr, Chester,		1st Cav.
Page, Charles A.,		2d U. S. S. S.
Page, Francis A.,	H	4th Vt.
Page, Horace H.,		1st U. S. S. S.
Page, John C.,		1st U. S. S. S.
Page, John W.,	K	3d Vt.
Page, Josiah W.,*	E	6th Vt.
Page, Oscar,	C	8th Vt.
Peters, Henry N.,		4th Ill.
Pollard, Milo C.,	C	15 N. H.
Powers, Harvey S.,	H	9th Vt.
Pringle, Alexander B.,	A	11th Vt.
Roben Moses,		Ill. Cav.
Somers, Claudius B.,	A	11th Vt.
Sargent, Phineas L.,	D	1st Vt. Cav.
Scott, Samuel W.,*	D	8th Vt.
Scott, David,*,	D	8th Vt.
Slye, Wm. J.,		4th Vt.
Symes, Albert C.,*	I	3d Vt.
Symes, James R.,	I	3d Vt.
Symes, John H.,	Chaplain	3d Maryland
Symes, John H.,	H	45th Mass.
Symes, Wm. H.,		45th Mass.
Thomas, Frank,		3d Vt.
Thomas, Lewis,		7th Vt.
Thomas, Palmer,		20th Wis.
Vance, David,	F	15th Vt.
Vance, David Elmore	G	9th Vt.
Wallace, Charles M.,	G	17th Vt.
Whitcher, John,	G	9th Vt.
Whitehill, Calvin C.,*	E	7th Vt.

NAME.	COMPANY	REGIMENT
Whitehill, Matthew,		15th Vt.
Whitehill, Moses,*	G	10th Vt.
Whitehill, Peden C.,*	E	7th Vt.
Whitehill, Wm. H. H.,	A	10th Vt.
Whitehill, George W.,*	B	6th Vt.
Whitehill, Walter,		7th Vt.
Whitelaw, Albert M.,	K	15th Vt.
Whitelaw, Oscar H.,	K	15th Vt.
Whitelaw, William		19th Conn.
Wright, David,	E	6th Vt.
Wright, David, Jr.,		35th Mass.
Wright, Henry C.,*	E	6th Vt.
Wright, James S.,	D	1st Vt. Cav.
Welch, Ira L.	F	7th Vt.



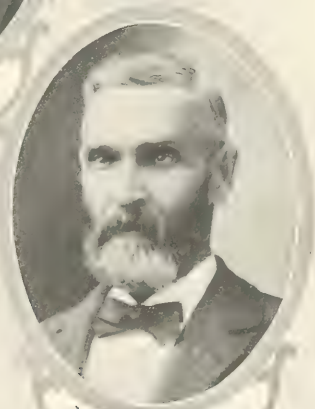
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PART II

FAMILY RECORDS

AND

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES AND FAMILY RECORDS.

THE town of Ryegate owes to Mr. George Mason the inception of the work of which this volume is the final outcome. Himself a native of Scotland, and connected there with many of the older families of Ryegate and Barnet, his tastes found their employment in collecting from the oldest people fifty years and more ago, the incidents of their lives, and the records of their families. He thus gathered a great amount of information about the early years and first settlers of both towns. From these he prepared a few family sketches, which he contributed to different newspapers of his time. He contemplated a volume of sketches of the early residents of these towns. But Mr. Mason's means were very limited and his leisure also; he died without having even begun the compilation of his work, and some of the data, written upon loose and unattached slips of paper, was scattered and lost.

Fortunately, however, most of them came into the hands of Mr. Edward Miller, who was well fitted in every way to take up the work which Mr. Mason had begun, to enlarge its scope in many directions, and to consider his subject from a more philosophic point of view. With the end always in mind of preparing a history of the town, he spent all the time he could spare from his business and his farm in collecting every bit of local information which he could gather, and committing the results to paper. Mr. Miller loved his native town—its noble hills, its deep winding valleys, its fertile upland farms, the solitary ponds which reflect the sky and the hills, and the vast prospect which rewards one who has ascended Blue Mountain in a clear day.

But more than these he loved the people whom he knew so well; he knew their family traits and inherited peculiarities. In his mind there were always present several generations of the same family and he was fond of those curious inquiries concerning the modifications which successive generations of the same families receive through marriage with others of different traits. In the course of years he probably acquired a more accurate knowledge of its people and its families than was possessed by any man in any other town in Vermont.

He knew the history of all the farms and their successive owners; who had built the houses, and whose hands had altered or enlarged them; he knew, too, the sites of former dwellings, some of which are completely obliterated, the cellars and mounds which mark where people once lived, where children played, where old people died. He made, also, careful abstracts of town and session records, and collected a vast amount of data for his work.

Unfortunately for us all, Mr. Miller was so much absorbed in collecting the materials for his history of Ryegate, that he deferred the compilation of his work until he found his failing strength was no longer equal to the task. He had contributed much local history to the newspapers of the county, but these can only be considered as studies for the crowning work of his life, which at his death was yet to be begun.

Unfortunately, also, he put into writing very few of the incidents with which his mind was stored, but, carefully recording names and dates, depended upon his ready memory to furnish, as he went along, the circumstances which should embellish and add interest to his narrative.

To complete Mr. Miller's work in the form presented here, has been no light task. Some of his records were written thirty years ago, and none later than 1898. To bring these records down to present time, to add a new generation and new families has required the coöperation of many persons in nearly every state in the Union, and in the Canadian provinces, wherever Ryegate people have wandered. Records have been hunted up, and the memories of aged people taxed to make the result as complete as possible. That errors of statement and of omission will be found is inevitable. But these pages will preserve the names and the memories of many worthy men and women who might otherwise be forgotten, and make clear the intricate relationships which inter-marriages among old families always produce in long settled communities.

Mr. Miller's records contain also those of many Barnet families which have been drawn upon only to show their connection with those of Ryegate. As far as possible proofs of all records have been sent to those who furnished them.

F. P. W.

ABBREVIATIONS—ab., about; b., born; m., married; d., died; res., residence; rem., removed; q. v., whom see; ch., child or children; U. P., or the Un. Pres. Ch., United Presbyterian Church; Ref. Pres. Ch., Reformed Presbyterian Church; Asso. Pres. Ch., Associate Presbyterian Church; 1st Pres. Ch., General Assembly Church at South Ryegate.

As the ecclesiastical body known as the United Presbyterian Church, which

embraces the churches at Ryegate Corner and at South Ryegate which were formerly known as the Associate Presbyterian, and the Reformed Presbyterian (New School) respectively, was not formed till 1858, a little explanation is necessary. It would be obviously incorrect to say that members of the church which was called the Associate Church for eighty years, whose membership terminated before 1858, were members of the United Presbyterian church, which was unknown to them, therefore, in these records, this church, before 1858, will be spoken of as the Associate Church. And as nearly all the members of the United Presbyterian Church at South Ryegate became members of it before its change of name, it will be mentioned here by its former title, it being understood that its membership remained the same under the new title.

In the records of the larger families where the descendants of a common ancestor number several families in each generation, a system by means of a combination of Roman and Arabic numerals gives each member his proper place in the family and connects him with the common ancestor.

ABBOTT.

George Abbott from Andover, Eng., 1640, in 1643 became one of the first settlers of Andover, Mass., where he d. Dec. 24, 1681, O. S. He m. Hannah Chandler; 13 ch.

From two of their sons—William, (b. Nov. 18, 1657,) and Benjamin, (b. Dec. 20, 1661), nearly all the Abbott kindred in this vicinity are descended. The earlier records which follow are from the Abbott Register, pub. 1847.

First, the descendants of William :

- II. WILLIAM,² b. Andover, Nov. 18, 1657; d. there, Oct. 21, 1713; m. Elizabeth Gray.
- III. JAMES,³ b. Feb. 12, 1675. Rem. to Concord, N. H., 1737; d. Dec. 27, 1787. He m. Abigail Farnum; 15 ch.
- IV. JAMES,⁴ b. Andover, Mass., Jan. 12, 1717; m. Sarah Bancroft of Reading. In Nov., 1763, they rem. from Concord, N. H., to Newbury, Vt., one of the earliest families in that town. Rem. to Haverhill, but ret. in 1783, and settled at So. N., where Irving W. Abbott now lives. He d. 1803. Of their 10 ch. Bancroft lived at So. Newbury; Judith m. Dea. Thomas Brock, and from them came the Brock families of West and So. Newbury, and William, from whom many Ryegate people are descended.

The genealogy following is reckoned from James⁴.

WILLIAM⁵ (James⁴). (James³), (Wm.²), (George¹), b. Concord, N. H., April 24, 1755. Came to Newbury with his parents in 1763. Served in the revolutionary war; m. 1777, Mabel Whittlesey of Newbury, (b. E. Guilford, Ct.); rem. to Haverhill, but settled at Bath, where he d. June 14, 1807.

Children :

- i. Moses,⁶ b. June 16, 1778; m. 1st Lucy Willis. Lived in Bath, N. H.
- ii. Lois,⁶ b. Dec. 11, 1779; m. Silas Buck of Bath.
- 1 iii. Jacob⁶ b. Dec. 15, 1781; lived in Groton; m. Nancy, dau. of Capt. Ephraim Wesson.
- iv. Elizabeth,⁶ b. June 18, 1783; d. Sept. 30, 1840; m. Stephen Sly of Ryegate, q. v.
- v. Mehitabel,⁶ b. Jan. 9, 1785; m. Horatio Buck of Bath.
- vi. Sarah,⁶ b. Oct. 25, 1786; m. Benjamin Fuller of Barnet.
- ✓ vii. William,⁶ b. Aug. 19, 1788; m. Patience Burbank of Peacham.

- 2 viii. Amos,⁶ b. Sept. 3, 1790.
 ix. Ann,⁶ b. July 30, 1792; m. Samuel Knight, q. v.
 x. Abigail,⁶ b. Aug. 20, 1794; m. 1st, Nathan Culver of Bath.
 xi. Mary,⁶ b. Nov. 23, 1802; m. Rev. William Hutchinson.
- 1 JACOB,⁶ (William⁵), James,⁴ b. Dec. 15 1781. Lived in the N. E. part of Groton; was a prominent man and Justice of the Peace. He m. Nov. 10, 1808, Nancy, dau. Capt. Ephraim Wesson. Bur. in Groton-Peacham cemetery.
 Children (from Groton town record).
 i. Priscilla,⁷ b. Aug. 29, 1809, Haverhill, N. H.; m. June 6, 1842, Capt. Leonard Martin, Barford, P. Q.
 ii. Patty Eliza,⁷ b. Aug. 29, 1811; m. Oct. 24, 1843, Dea. Manda T. Cushion, Barnston, P. Q.
- 3 iii. Jacob Jackson,⁷ b. July 17, 1813.
 iv. Emily,⁷ b. Nov. 23, 1815; m. Oct. 24, 1838, William Brooks, Esq., Sherbrooke, P. Q.
 v. George Bancroft,⁷ b. Oct. 21, 1817.
 vi. Sally Ann,⁷ b. Nov. 9, 1819, (Oct. Ab. Reg.); m. Charles Brooks, Lenoxville, P. Q.
- 2 AMOS,⁶ (William,⁵ James,⁴) J., b. Haverhill, N. H., Sept. 3, 1790; m. Feb. 17, 1814, by Rev. L. Worcester, Betsy, dau. Nathaniel Knight of Ryegate. Lived in Haverhill and Bath 2 yrs.; came to R., 1818, and bought land of Nathaniel Knight, where they lived 20 yrs; then of Moses Hadley, where they lived till death. He d. at East Cabot, Dec. 19, 1875; she d. at Barnet Apr. 26, 1874. Bur. Walter Harvey Cem. Members of Barnet Centre Ch.
 Children:
 i. Dau. b. and d. March 25, 1815.
 ii. Nathaniel K.,⁷ b. Nov. 12, 1816; d. Feb. 14, 1818.
 iii. Mary Jane,⁷ b. July 26, 1818; d. June 24, 1833.
 iv. William G.,⁷ b. Sept. 27, 1820; m. Luella F. Austin of Landaff, N. H., two daus. All family dead.
 v. Lucy K.,⁴ b. Nov. 24, 1822; d. Aug. 26, 1823.
 vi. Nathaniel K.,⁷ b. March 11, 1825; m. Sarah C. Johnson of Peacham; 7 ch., 5 lived in Washington Co.
 vii. Lucy K.,⁷ b. July 11, 1827.
 viii. Julia A.,⁷ b. July 11, 1829; d. July 13, 1833.
 ix. Amos W.,⁷ b. June 18, 1831; d. July 16, 1833.
- 4 x. Amos W.,⁷ b. Nov. 24, 1833.
 xi. Julia A.,⁷ b. Dec. 7, 1835.
 xii. Betsey Jane,⁷ b. Sept. 22, 1837; m. July 2, 1872, as 2d w. John Gibson, q. v.
- 3 JACOB JACKSON,⁷ (Jacob,⁶ William,⁵ James,⁴) b. Groton, July 17, 1813. Fitted for college at Peacham Acad., Grad. Dartmouth College 1839; tutor there 1841-3; Grad. Union Theo. Sem. 1845; Ord. Bennington, Vt., Aug. 27, 1845; dis. 1847; agent of Am. Tract Soc. in the South 1847-8; pastor Cong. ch. Walbridge, Mass., 1850-62; Yarmouth, 1865-75; served on the Christian Commission in the army 1864-5; Res. New Haven, Conn., 1876 till death, Dec. 3, 1878. He m. 1845 Margaret Fletcher, Whitinsville, Me., D. D. from Bowdoin, Coll., 1874.
- 4 AMOS W.,⁷ (Amos,⁶ William,⁵ James,⁴) b. Ryegate, Nov. 4, 1833; carpenter and farmer. He m. Sept., 1857, Elizabeth A. Livingston of Peacham, (b. Oct., 1839). Served in 15th Vt. in Civil War. He d. Feb. 18, 1882. Bur. Walter Harvey Cem. Members of U. P. ch. Ryegate.
 Children:
 i. Eugene S.,⁸ b. Peacham, May 5, 1858. Res. Montana; carpenter and bridge-builder; foreman No. Pacific R. R. Not m.
 ii. R. Burns,⁸ b. Feb. 4, 1860. Res. Peacham, Vt.; carpenter. He m. Dec. 11, 1890, Georgiana, dau. Isaac P. Dunn of R., (b. March 24, 1863; d. Oct. 14, 1898.)

- iii. Emily Annette,⁸ b. Dec. 23, 1861; m. Apr. 22, 1885, John H. Nelson, q. v.
- iv. Alice,⁸ b. Apr. 23, 1864; d. Sept. 16, 1865.
- v. Milo H.,⁸ b. March 23, 1866. Res. Atlanta, Ga.; furniture dealer. He m. March 23, 1892, Rebecca Mackey, who d. Jan., 1899. He m. 2d, July, 1900, Isabella Mackey; 3 ch.
- vi. Addie F.,⁸ b. May 12, 1868; m. W. H. Dopp of St. Regis Falls, N. Y.
- vii. Clara B.,⁸ b. July 26, 1870; d. Feb. 12, 1892.
- viii. Charles A.,⁸ b. Nov. 18, 1872; d. Billings, Montana, Dec. 18, 1898.
- ix. Mark H.,⁸ b. May 12, 1875. Res. St. Johnsbury; carpenter at Fairbanks Scale Works. He m. Dec. 2, 1903, Meroe Way of St. J.; one son.
- x. Owen G.,⁸ b. Oct. 9, 1876. Farmer on homestead; un-m.
- xi. Arlie B.,⁸ b. Dec. 3, 1878; m. Mar. 21, 1900, C. W. Goss of Barnet, farmer; 5 ch.
- xii. Lewis E.,⁸ b. June 19, 1881. Res. Peacham; carpenter. He. m. June 27, 1906, Susie Blanchard of Peacham.

The second branch of the Abbott family is descended from the emigrant ancestor as follows:

- I. GEORGE,¹ of England and Andover, Mass.
- II. BENJAMIN,² b. Dec. 20, 1661; d. March 30, 1703; m. Sarah Farnum, and lived in Andover.
- III. JONATHAN,³ b. Sept., 1687; d. March, 1770; m. Zervia Holt.
- IV. DAVID,⁴ b. —; lived in Pembroke, N. H.; m. 1741, Hannah Chandler.
- V. JOB,⁵ of Andover, Pembroke, N. H., and Barnet.
JOB,⁵ (David,⁴ Jonathan,³ Benjamin,² George,¹) b. Andover, Mass.; m. Phebe Farnum, and about 1783 rem. to Barnet and settled where—Melville lived in 1860.

Children:

- i. Sarah,⁶ b. March 21, 1772; m. Alexander Stuart, q. v.
 - ii. Hannah,⁶ b. Dec., 1773; m. Jonathan Darling, q. v.
 - iii. Phebe,⁶ b. Feb. 28, 1774; m. John Brock of Barnet.
 - iv. Susanna,⁶ b. Dec. 1778; m. Josiah Darling, q. v.; 2d — Laird; 3d Anthony Perry.
 - 1 v. John,⁶ b. Aug. 26, 1780; m. Ann Brock of Barnet.
 - vi. Mary,⁶ b. 1782; m. James Brock of Barnet.
- Mr. Mason gives the following—not in the Abbott Register:
- vii. Jerome Jeremiah,⁶ b. 1785; d. 1802.
 - viii. Priscilla,⁶ b. 1786; d. y.
 - ix. Job,⁶ b. 1788; went west.
 - x. Janet,⁶ b. 1789; d. y.
 - 1 JOHN,⁶ (Job,⁵) b. Aug. 26, 1780; m. March, 1804, Ann, dau. Walter Brock. He d. Sept. 5, 1854; she d. Nov. 24, 1870.

Children:

- i. Janet,⁷ b. 1805; m. Moses Hadley.
- ii. John,⁷ b. 1807; m. Louisa Lee, who m. 2d Claudius Somers as 2d wife.
- iii. Job,⁷ b. 1809; never m.
- 2 iv. Walter,⁷ b. 1811; m. Janet McPhee.
- v. Jeremiah,⁷ b. 1813; m. Jane Lee.
- vi. Alexander Harvey,⁷ b. 1814; m. Lucinda West.
- vii. Phebe Farnum,⁷ b. 1817; m. Nov. 13, 1841, Alonzo Fife.
- viii. Martha,⁷ b. 1819; m. Dec. 17, 1845, Wm. Keenan q. v.; d. March 2, 1848.
- ix. Jonathan D.,⁷ b. 1822; m. Sarah Stevens.
- 3 PETER M.,⁸ (Walter⁷ and Janet, John,⁶ Job,⁵) b. Barnet, May 27, 1843, ed. district school and Peacham Acad. Enlisted as a recruit Aug. 13, 1862, into Co. K, 3d Vt. Vols., which formed part of the Vermont Brigade. Was with the reg. till the close of the Shenandoah cam-

paign. Detailed on extra duty till the close of the war. Prom. corporal, then sergeant. Mustered out June, 1865. At home two years. Peddled goods for Crampton & Dunn, Rutland, 2 years. In California a while. In the White Mts. in livery work several yrs. Bought the Wm. Hunter farm. In partnership with Ned Abbott and W. H. Johnson of Barnet, dealing in horses, some years. Bought the John Hunter farm. He m. Apr. 5, 1869, Marian, dau. Wm. Hunter, b. Dec. 6, 1844. Ch., Kate W., b. Apr. 2, 1890; grad. Peacham Acad. 1908; m. Feb. 12, 1910, Clinton Keith Page.

MOSES COLBY,¹ b. Ryegate, Apr. 2, 1833. Blacksmith, also Methodist preacher and exhorter. He m. 1st March 3, 1855, Mary A. Reagan of Rumney, N. H., (b. Boston, Aug. 11, 1811; d. Tilton, June 10, 1885.) 2d Mrs. Mary Palmer Browne of Newbury; 3 ch.

The last record is from the History of Littleton, N. H., and is inserted as given. Whether related to the other Abbott families does not appear.

ADAMS.

ELIJAH H., m. Luthera Hawes. Came from Troy, N. H., to South Newbury in 1865; in lumber business there till 1867; farmer in Topsham some years; ret. to Troy and d. 1902; she d. 1907.

Child:

CHARLES LUTHER,² b. Swansey, N. H., Dec. 15, 1851; farmer in Topsham; m. by Rev. D. C. Faris, Dec. 15, 1880, to Julia Etta, dau. of Wm. Caldwell; they settled on the Wm. Caldwell farm in November, 1882, which they sold in May, 1910; asst. superintendent and superintendent of M. E. Sunday school, Groton, Vt., many years to present time, also recording steward. Res. at Ryegate Corner.

Children:

- 1 LUTHER EUGENE,³ b. Topsham, Oct. 9, 1881; d. March 10, 1908.
- 2 CHARLES LEON,³ b. Ryegate, May 8, 1883; chaffeur at Warren, R. I.; m. June 30, 1908, Jessie S. Tucker of Richmond, Vt.; c, Frank Eugene, b. April 11, 1909.
- 3 CLARENCE HARRISON,³ b. June 16, 1888; graduated Peacham Academy 1908; entered Vt. Univ. 1909. All members of Groton M. E. Church.

AKIN.

JAMES,¹ b. Kilmalcolm, Scotland, 1773, came to R. 1796, after staying in New York one year, and bought land covered with woods except a small clearing. Original owner was Matthew Park. He m. March 9, 1801, Margaret, dau. Alexander Miller. She d. in R. Sept. 11, 1829. After living in Ryegate 59 years he removed to Greensborough in 1854 and d. May 1, 1862; bur. West cemetery.

Children:

- i. James,² b. 1804; d. Jan. 14, 1878; not m.
- ii. John,² b. 1806; d. Greensborough, Jan. 7, 1879; not m.
- iii. Jane,² b. July 26, 1808, d. Apr. 20, 1875; m. James Hall q. v.
- iv. Alexander,² b. 1812; d. at 4½ years.
- v. Janet,² b. March 1, 1813; m. James Smith, q. v.
- vi. Margaret, b. Apr. 17, 1815, Miller record; m. John Miller of Newbury; as 2d w.; d. March 2, 1883.
- vii. Mary, b. Feb. 9, 1817; d. at 2 years.

ALLAN.

DAVID, b. Inchinnan, Scotland, 1740; m. 1759, Margaret Willison of that place. He was one of the two commissioners chosen by the Scotch American Co., to go to America and select a place for settlement. (See Chaps. II and IV. He returned to Scotland intending to go back to

America, but was unable to leave his leased farm till 1801, when he was taken sick, and died. He was buried on the very day he was to have taken passage for America, exactly 28 years from the day of his first setting out in 1773. His children, William and Margaret, went directly from the grave to the ship. This name has often been spelled Allen, but his signature, clearly attached to several papers, is David Allan. Mrs. Allan, with her chil. Mary and Elizabeth, and her grandsons, Robert and David White, came in 1802. None of the sons settled in Ryegate.

Children all b. in Scotland.

- i. Jean, b. 1760; m. Alexander Miller, q. v.
- ii. Janet, b. 1762; m. William White, q. v.
- iii. Margaret, b. 1764; d. un-m.
- iv. John b. 1765; settled in "York State."
- v. David, b. 1767.
- vi. James, b. 1769.
- vii. William, b. 1771.
- viii. Robert, b. 1772.
- ix. Mary, b. 1776; d. in Scotland.
- x. Peter, b. 1778.
- xi. Mary, b. 1781; m. Thomas Nelson, q. v.
- xii. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 15, 1782; m. Allan Stewart, q. v.

ALLEN.

SAMUEL, b. Temple Patrick, Ireland, Jan. 12, 1776. He was implicated in the Irish rebellion of 1798, and was at one time under arrest for treason. He m. about 1799, Jane, dau. Stafford Brown (b. Ballybally, Antrim Co., Ire., 1777; d. Nov. 17, 1858). In 1821 they decided to come to America, coming by way of Montreal and Lake Champlain, where his oldest son was taken sick, and d. at Missisquoi Bay; worked one year at Paterson, N. J., came to Ryegate and bought a small farm which he cleared, built a four-room log house, and sent for his family. The above by Mason. Mr. Miller says that in 1844-5, their house was standing near the end of the Carpenter farm, a few rods from the road. He was a great reader and self taught mathematician. He d. Feb. 12, 1862.

Children all b. in Ireland.

- i. Robert², b. 1800; d. near Missisquoi Bay, 1821.
- ii. Stafford John², b. 1803; m. Rosanna Bickerstaff, rem. in Ireland.
- iii. Mary², b. May 7, 1807; m. John Smith, q. v.
- iv. Eleanor², b. June 12, 1813; m. Wm. N. Gibson, q. v.
- v. Agnes², b. 1817; d. at Burlington while on their way here.

*ALLEN.

WILLIAM, Robert G., and James were brothers; a sister, Mary, m. Eben Bickford. Robert G., m. 1805, Phebe, dau. Josiah Page (b. R. Nov. 23, 1786). He d. 1854.

The following is in the town records.

Children: (of Robert G.)

- i. John M., b. Aug. 1, 1806.
- ii. James W., b. Jan. 17, 1808; rem. to Glover, Vt.
- iii. Sarah Maria, b. Oct. 7, 1811; m. Joshua Thomas, q. v.
- iv. Martha W., m. Oct. 19, 1837, Elias F. Bennett of Danville.
- v. Mary, m. Wm. Page of Welland, Can.
- vi. Josiah P., went to Wisconsin.

* By Mr. Miller.

ANDERSON.

JOHN,¹ lived and d. in Scotland, Lanarkshire, parish of Lesmahago. He m. Betsey Williamson.

JOHN,² (John¹) b. May 6, 1749; m. Marion Twaddle of the same parish, sister of Robert Twaddle who came to Ryegate. Came from Scotland to Ryegate, 1802; rem. to Barnet, 1820, St. Johnsbury, 1840, to Barnet, 1845, where he d. Nov. 16, 1845 in his 97th year. She d. Barnet, March 12, 1834. Both bur. Barnet Ctr.

JOHN,² (John¹) Chil. all b. in Scotland except the last.

- i. Betsey,³ b. 1789; m. David Miller, q. v.
- ii. Helen,³ b. June 4, 1791; m. Robert Gibson, q. v.
- iii. Janet,³ b. Apr. 15, 1801; d. March 6, 1871; m. William Watson of Barnet; d. Jan. 6, 1862
- iv. John,³ b. Ryegate, Sept. 4, 1811; m. 1834, Elvira Chick; rem. to St. Johnsbury, 1842; ret. to Barnet, 1845, Ryegate, 1882, till d. Apr. 25, 1892; she d. in R. Dec. 24, 1879. Chil. (1) Marion,⁴ b. May 3, 1836; m. Wm. J. Symes, q. v. (2) Cyrus J.,⁴ b. March 13, 1838; m. 1864, Ellen Morse, lived in Boston. (3) Harriet E.,⁴ m. 1862, John G. Duncan of Monroe, N. H., rem. to Iowa; 8 ch.

ARMOUR.

WILLIAM, b. in Scotland; seems to have come to Ryegate about 1805, and lived successively on farms afterwards owned by Amos Noyes, Geo. Nelson and David Bone. He was a Covenanter, and the champion on that side against the Seceders in their religious controversy from 1815 to 1817. He was a very large man. In 1819, he sold his farm to William Page, and rem. to Schenectady, N. Y. The town records mention the birth of 4 children.

Jean, b. Apr. 3, 1806.

Janet, b. March 13, 1810.

Wm. James, b. Nov. 12, 1813.

John, b. Dec. 26, 1816.

*ARTHUR.

It is supposed that the first of the name came to Scotland from England as a peddler of wooden ware. The 1st Arthur we are sure of was James of Hardgate, Houston parish, Renfrewshire, Scotland, blacksmith. Andrew, his son, m. Jean Allison. Two of their sons, James and Robert came to America and settled in Ryegate.

JAMES,² (Andrew¹) m. Elizabeth Shaw, Jan. 20, 1794, in Houston parish; She d. Jan. 15, 1813; nine ch. all of whom came to America at different times. Their father came with two daughters in 1844. Lived in Ryegate. Member of Ref. Pres. ch., So. Ryegate. He d. Aug. 1854; bur. Blue Mt. Cemetery.

Children:

- I. JEAN,³ b. Sept. 5, 1795; m. William Fyfe; lived in Prince Edward Island, and d. Nov. 20, 1877.
- II. MATTHEW,³ b. May 31, 1798; m. Jean Stevenson; came to America 1849; nine chil.; lived in Ryegate a short time; settled in Glover, where she d. Oct. 12, 1873; he d. May 6, 1887; members of Ref. Pres. Ch., So. Ryegate. Their dau. Jean m. in Scotland. William Crowe, and came to this country. She d. 1908. Their eldest son, George res. in South Ryegate. q. v.
- III. ANDREW,³ b. July 12, 1799; m. at Houston, Scot., by Rev. John Monteith, Janet Allen; came to America, 1852; their eldest son Andrew, d. in Scotland; their eldest dau. Jean, lives there now; members of Cong. ch. at McIndoes Falls; bur. Blue Mt. Cem.; d. Oct. 29, 1864; she d. July 3, 1863.

* By Mrs. J. B. Nelson.

Children:

- 1 JAMES,⁴ m. Margaret Gibbs in Scotland; came to Am. 1855; d. Ryegate, Dec. 5, 1864; bur. Blue Mt. Cem.; his widow lives in Barnet, also one son, James and one dau. Mrs. Saurin Holmes.
 - 2 ELIZABETH,⁴ b. Scotland; m. James Allen (b. Jan. 15, 1830; d. Apr. 7, 1899); lived in Topsham; d. and bur. there.
 - 3 JANET,⁴ b. Scotland; d. March 24, 1868; 27 years.
 - 4 MARGARET,⁴ b. Scotland; m. M. Daboll of Clinton, Mass.; d. there March 28, 1889; bur. Blue Mt. Cemetery.
 - 5 AGNES,⁴ b. Scotland; lived 20 years in California; ret. to Ryegate, 1900; m. Ira Welch of So. Ryegate; lives there now.
- IV. JANET,³ b. Feb. 26, 1802; came to America with her father; never m.; lived in Ryegate nearly all her life; d. Topsham at the home of her bro., John, May 3, 1877, aged 95 years. She was known as "Aunt Jenny Arthur."
- V. ELIZABETH,³ b. Jan. 19, 1804; m. in Scotland, Wm. Morrison; he d. there and she came to America, 1844, with her two chil. and m. her cousin Andrew Arthur of Topsham, in 1848; she d. Oct. 1866; bur. Blue Mt. Cem.

(Andrew Arthur m. 2d, 1869, Isabel Thom (b. Scotland, 1820) who m. 1st James McDonald, and had a dau. who m. C. F. Heath of Groton. She came to America 1868. Mr. A. d. Newbury, 1873, and she lived some years in the family of Richard Patterson of N., but d. Groton, May 19, 1897.)

- VI. AGNES,³ b. Feb. 1806; m. in Scotland, John Wilson; came to America, 1844; lived in Ryegate a short time, then settled in Glover, where she d. April 3, 1882.
- VII. JAMES,³ b. May 27, 1808; m. Dec. 2, 1831 by Rev. John Monteith, Martha Todd, (b. Scotland Jan. 10, 1809); 8 ch. of whom 3 c. in Scotland; came to Ryegate, 1864; he d. Oct. 11, 1882; she d. Aug. 1st, 1893; buried in Blue Mt. Cemetery; members of Pres. ch. So. Ryegate. Mrs. Arthur was noted for her skill at embroidery and fancy work.

Children all born in Scotland.

- 1 MARTHA,⁴ b. Nov. 7, 1832; m. Jan. 1, 1856, by Rev. John Bole, Wm. Morrison of Topsham; nine ch; he is dead; she lives there now.
 - 2 AGNES,⁴ b. July 14, 1840; m. March 24, 1870, by Rev. W. J. McDowell, William Halley of Newbury; rem. to Mass., 1874; res. Milford, Conn.
 - 3 MARY,⁴ b. Dec. 20, 1842; m. John B. Nelson, q. v.
 - 4 ANNE,⁴ b. July 29, 1847; m. James H. Guthrie q. v.
 - 5 JESSIE,⁴ b. Feb. 7, 1852; m. by Rev. John Bole to Frank Hunt; res. Ryegate till 1905; in Barnet with her son Arthur; rem. with him to Turlock, Cal., Dec. 1907.
- VIII. WILLIAM,³ b. Apr. 14, 1810; came to America 1842; settled in Ryegate; m. by Rev. John Bole, March, 1855, Maria, dau. Ezra Gates; he d. Dec. 1857; she d. March, 1859; bur. Blue Mt. Cemetery; members of Ref. Pres. ch., So. Ryegate.

Children:

- 1 JAMES E.,⁴ b. Jan. 23, 1856; went to California 1877, then to Arizona, where he m. Aug. 11, 1887, Anne Whitlow; res. Turlock, Cal.
 - 8 WILLIAM,⁴ b. Jan. 17, 1858; lived on the homestead where his grandfather d. till March, 1906, when he went to Cal., and m. July 11, 1907, Martha A., dau. Jas. H. Guthrie of Ryegate.
- IX. JOHN, b. Aug. 20, 1812; came to America about 1840; m. March 15, 1849, Sally Emery; lived in Topsham and d. there, Aug. 9, 1897; she d. Jan. 30, 1887; a dau. Agnes, d. June 19, 1873; 17 yrs. 7 mo. 10 d.
- ROBERT,² (Andrew¹) m. in Scotland, March 20, 1820, Margaret Barr; came to America, 1834, via Quebec and Montreal, and thence to Ryegate

by teams; settled at So. Ryegate and owned the land on which the village is built, on the east side of the river; he d. Apr. 15, 1840, aged 54; she d. Dec. 13, 1865 aged 75; bur. at So. Ryegate.

Chil. all b. in Scotland:

- I. JOAN,³ b. 1822; d. Dec. 2, 1841; buried at So. Ryegate.
- II. ROBERT,³ b. July 19, 1823; lived in South Ryegate, farmer and mechanic; he m. June 9, 1871, by Rev. W. J. McDowell, Abby Jane, dau. David Jewell of Newbury; he d. March 9, 1891.
Children:
 - (1) CHRISTY,⁴ b. May 18, 1872; d. March 28, 1887.
 - (2) MARGARET B.,⁴ b. April 25, 1874; m. Nov. 27, 1902, by Rev. F. A. Collins to Wm. B. Davidson, q. v.
 - (3) CLARA T.,⁴ b. May 8, 1878; m. Sept. 7, 1898, by Rev. T. A. Jackson to Lee Brock. They live on the old Arthur place at So. Ryegate. Ch., Cecille and Roberta.
- III. MARGARET,³ b. 1825; m. Oct. 1855, Joel Dole of Danville; d. there July 25, 1864, and bur. there.
- IV. JEAN,³ b. March 13, 1827; m. Sept. 16, 1858, by Rev. John Bole. Luther Merrill of Danville; d. and bur. there.

WALTER,³ (Robert,² Andrew,¹) eldest son of Robert by a former marriage in Scotland, Dec. 1813; m. 1838, Elizabeth Smith of Port Helen, Islay, Scotland. They came to America, 1839; lived in 1845 on the farm where Livermore Bailey lately lived; removed to Topsham, then to Jefferson Hill, Newbury, where their son Andrew lives. Members of Ref. Pres. ch., So. R.; she d. Aug. 13, 1878; he d. March 28, 1883; bur. So. R.

Children:

- I. ROBERT,⁴ b. Scotland; m. March 15, 1864, Luthera, dau. John³ Gibson; rem. to Iowa; d. July 16, 1908; ch., Isabel, Carrie, Charles, John, Ada, Emma, Susan.
- II. AGNES J.,⁴ b. Ryegate, Jan. 13, 1843; m. May 13, 1873, Andrew Aitken of Wells River; d. Apr. 26, 1887.
- III. ANDREW,⁴ b. Ryegate, March 2, 1845; res. Newbury.
- IV. JAMES,⁴ b. Topsham, March 12, 1847; m. June 5, 1879, Janet, dau. John Aitken of Newbury; lived there and d. Apr. 29, 1902; two sons.
- V. SARAH ISABEL,⁴ b. Ryegate, Feb. 16, 1854; m. M. F. McDonald, q. v.

BACHOP.

JOHN,² b. Glasgow, Scotland, 1751, weaver; m. 1st, Mary Dirien of Paisley, who d. and 2d, Jan. 22, 1736, Janet (Miller) Thompson. They came to Am. about 1775, bringing with them John and William, his children by 1st m. Ad. to Ass. Pres. ch. Barnet by certificate from Glasgow signed by Robert Balfour, Minister, and Wm. Walker, Session Clerk. Settled where Jackson P. Miller now lives, also bought the farms known as the Harvey and Bachop farms on the w. side of Harvey's Lake, and the Matthew Thompson farm. He gave the two first farms to his sons, retaining the 3d. Town rep. 1804. He d. 1816; she d. 1823.

Children by first marriage:

- 1 i. John,² b. 1779.
- 2 ii. William,² b. 1781.
- 1 JOHN,² b. 1779; m. Jean Arbuckle who came from Scotland with the Robens and others. After his death she m. Wm. Nelson 2d of Ryegate, q. v.
Children:
 - i. Jennet,³ b. Jan. 5, 1805; m. Feb. 25, 1825, Robert Gilfillan, q. v.
 - ii. Margaret,³ m. April 25, 1826, Walter Gilfillan, q. v.

- iii. Mary,³ b. 1810, m. Harvey Warden, q. v.
- iv. Christian,³ m. Jan. 6, 1830, David Warden, q. v.
- v. Jane,³ d. Nov. 11, 1825, aged 14.

2 WILLIAM,² (John¹) b. 1781; m. Mary, dau. Archibald McLaughlin, of Peacham. He was an energetic and prosperous farmer, d. 1843; bur. in Stuart Cem. Barnet.

Children:

- i. John,³ d. un-m. at 26.
- ii. William,³ teacher and physician; m. Rachel Irving; bur. Alleghany, Pa.
- 3 iii. Archibald,³ b. March 7, 1810.
- iv. Mary,³ m. Rev. Wm. Galbraith.
- v. Christian,³ m. a Mr. Williams; bur. at Freeport Pa.
- vi. Jane,³ m. Oct. 9, 1845, Lyman Southard of Haverhill, N. H.
- vi. Janet,³ (twin to Jane) d. un-m.; bur. at Freeport, Pa.

3 ARCHIBALD,³ (William,² John,¹) b. Barnet, March 7, 1810; ed. Peacham Acad., teacher; miller at W. Barnet; farmer and merchant; captain in militia; elder in Ref. Pres. ch.; in trade at Wells River with A. S. Farwell; removed to Newbury. He m. 1st in R. by Rev. Thos. Goodwillie March 12, 1844, Margaret Ann, dau. James Beattie (b. R. Sept. 3, 1820; d. in B. Jan. 30, 1857); 2d by Rev. John Bole, Jan. 10, 1860, Margaret, dau. Andrew Buchanan (b. Ryegate, May 20, 1821; d. Newbury, Sept. 3, 1895). He d. Newbury, March 22, 1898; bur. at W. Barnet.

Children by first marriage:

- i. Infant, lived 2 days.
- ✓ ii. Frances Jane,⁴ b. Nov. 11, 1847; ed. Peacham and McIndoes Academies; m. by Rev. J. W. McDowell, Oct. 29, 1868, Robert, s. of Walter and Margaret [Bachop] Gilfillan of W. Barnet; blacksmith; ch. Walter Clement, b. April 15, 1878; blacksmith.
- iii. Katharine M.,⁴ b. Oct. 17, 1850; m. by Rev. John Bole, at Wells River, June 5, 1877, John Edwin Clement, who d. Oct. 8, 1894. Ch. (1) Margaret Jane, (2) Jean Frances, (3) Fanny Louisa, (4) Katharine Mitchell, all graduates of Brighton, Mass., High School and the 2d of Emerson School of Oratory.
- iv. Louisa K.,⁴ b. Sept. 1851; d. March, 1852.
- v. Infant,⁴ b. Jan. 29, d. Jan. 31, 1857.

By second marriage:

- vi. Mary Jean Buchanan,⁴ b. Barnet, April 29, 1862.
- vii. Margaret Lilla Belle,⁴ b. Barnet, Nov. 10, 1864; m. at Newbury, June 24, 1885, Jasper H. Wilson of W. Newbury; d. at Spring City, Tenn., Dec. 31, 1893; ch. (1) Jeannie Belle, m. May, 1910, Ward Burton, Bristol, Tenn. (2) Hazen Archibald.

BOLKUM.

CHARLES E., b. Rumney, N. H., March 1, 1843; farmer in Ryegate; he m. Sept. 5, 1871, Roxalana Elizabeth, dau. George R. Slye (b. Nov. 30, 1842). He d. June 29, 1909.

Children:

- 1 George Edward, b. Dec. 23, 1872; d. July 15, 1899.
- 2 Jennie Elizabeth, b. Oct. 30, 1877; m. by Rev. Mr. Collins, July 26, 1899, to Ernest Edwin Hanson, who d. May 1, 1907; she d. June 1, 1904. Ch., Perley Edwin, b. Sept. 1, 1902.
- 3 William Henry, b. June 24, 1879.
- 4 Annie May, b. Nov. 14, 1882; d. Aug. 1, 1883.
- 5 Eva Belle, b. Feb. 6, 1886; teacher in Wells River High School.

BEATON.

- DONALD,¹ s. of James and Margaret; b. Jan. 3, 1837, at Portree, Inverness-shire, Scotland; boiler maker by trade, then quarrier; he m. Aug. 8, 1858, Annie Russell of Woodside, Elgin. Came to Mason, N. H., 1884, his family following him in 1885, living there 11 years, in Barre, Vt., one year, at So. Ryegate since 1896. They have 19 gr. chil., and 3 great gr. chil. Children all born in Scotland except the last.
- I. James,² b. Jan. 10, 1859; stone cutter; came to Quincy, Mass., 1882; in granite bus. at So. Ryegate 12 yrs. He m. at Quincy, Mass., Jeannie Liddell. Ch. Margaret, Annie, Alexander, Forbes, Raymond and Jeannie.
 - II. Margaret,² b. March 16, 1861; m. at Quincy, Frank Stacy, who d. 1897. Chil., Margaret, Katherine, Helen, Herman, Frank and Ina, who m. Charles Weeks of No. Dana, Mass.
 - III. Ellen,² b. June 9, 1864; m. 1883, in Aberdeen, Scotland, Charles Ord; res. Barre, Vt.
 - IV. Annie,² b. Oct. 17, 1866; m. George Delnargo; res. Iola, Kan. Chil., Annie Bella, George, Jeanie, Viola and Mary.
 - V. Janet,² b. Nov. 5, 1869; m. Dec. 25, 1896, Alvin Dodge Grant of So. R. Ch. (adopted) in 1904, Harold William Grant then 6 years of age.
 - VI. Alexander,² b. Aug. 4, 1872; in granite bus. at So. R., for ten years; he m. Aug. 12, 1903, Cecile M. Buck of E. Roxbury. Ch., Barbara Alexandra, b. July 29, 1909.
 - VII. Mary Ann,² b. Nov. 13, 1874, d. April 13, 1890.
 - VIII. George,² b. June 30, 1879; tool sharpener at So. R. He m. Sept. 2, 1903, Nettie May Carpenter of R.

BEATTIE.

JAMES,¹ b. about 1776 at Beaton's Wall, near Antrim, Ireland, of Scotch ancestry. His father was a farmer. Came to America 1801 and went to Nine Partners, in Armenia, N. Y., and lived in the family of James Smith, who afterwards settled in Ryegate, and with whom he made his home after coming to Vermont in 1804. He became a salesman of Irish linen, and traveled afoot all over the state; went to Va. and had his headquarters at Richmond. Settled in Ryegate in 1807, buying the "minister's lot" of 110 acres of Rev. Wm. Gibson, and 80 acres of Reuben Chamberlin. He m. April 11, 1808, Margaret Gillespie, a neice of Mrs. Gibson, b. of Scotch ancestry in Ireland; her ancestor, James Gillespie, took part in the siege of Londonderry; they settled on the farm, then an unbroken forest, which he cleared, and made a fine farm; in lumbering, buying and manufacturing lumber 23 winters; he also built a large share of the Passumpsic Turnpike. They were very hard working people, strict in religious views; members of the Ref. Pres. Ch. at the Corner, in which he was a deacon. This farm remained in the family till sold in April, 1908, to W. J. Smith and F. W. Whitehill. He d. 1866; she d. April 5, 1861; buried at Ryegate Corner.

Children all born in Ryegate:

- I. William John,² b. Feb. 16, 1809; went south and became an Indian agent for the government, and helped remove the Seminole Indians. He d. un-m. Nov. 9, 1837.
- II. Jane,² b. Jan. 6, 1811.
- III. Rebecca,² b. April 4, 1813; d. July 27, 1813.
- IV. Thomas M.,² b. Dec. 14, 1814; d. Jan. 20, 1816.
- V. David H.,² b. Oct. 3, 1816.
- VI. James,² b. Aug. 20, 1818.
- VII. Margaret Ann,² b. Sept. 3, 1820; m. Archibald Bachop, q. v.

- 4 VIII. Thomas Gillespie,² b. July 10, 1822.
 IX. Hannah,² b. July 9, 1824; m. Oct. 29, 1850, Rev. Loren P. Thayer of Lisbon, N. H.; d. July 19, 1852. See History of Windham, N. H.
 X. Katharine,² b. July 30, 1826; m. June 21, 1859, Jarvis Jewett of San Francisco, Cal.; d. Jan. , 1898. One dau. Mrs. Jennie M. Nicholson of San Francisco.
 5 XI. Alexander M.,² b. July 29, 1828.
 6 XII. Robert Gibson,² b. Oct. 23, 1831,
 1 JANE,² (James¹) b. Jan. 6, 1811; m. June 21, 1843, by Rev. Thos. Goodwillie, John Cameron Stanley, who settled in Maidstone, 1842, buying the farm known as the Wooster Bow, from Stephen Ames. (He was b. Dec. 13, 1809; d. Aug. 12, 1886). She was an invalid in her last years, being confined to her bed 16 yrs. by a spinal trouble; d. July 9, 1887; member in Ryegate of Ref Pres. Ch.

Children:

- i. William John Beattie,³ [Stanley], b. April 13, 1844; m. June 21, 1874, Dora Estelle Russell. Ch. (1) Eugene Arthur,⁴ b. June 10, 1875; physician at Waterbury Vt.; (2) Harry Houghton,⁴ b. April 14, 1877; traveling salesman.
 - ii Margaret Ann,³ [Stanley], b. Sept. 3, 1845; m. Jan. 24, 1872, Samuel F. Brown of Stratford, N. H. Ch. (1) Raymond Stanley,⁴ b. Feb. 27, 1873, merchant at Derby, Ct.; (2) Grace Beattie,⁴ b. Oct. 11, 1874; d. Jan. 31, 1881.
 - iii. Katherine Jane,³ [Stanley], b. Sept. 23, 1846; res. on homestead.
 - iv. Robert James,³ [Stanley], b. March 28, 1848; m. Jan. 1883, at Stockton, Cal., Lucretia Dowling Mattison. One son b. Feb. 1884, who is on a wheat ranch at Farmington, Cal.
 - v. Harriet Elizabeth,³ [Stanley]. b. June 9, 1849; m. Oct. 28, 1874, Arthur Herbert Carpenter of Maidstone. Ch. (1) John Currier Stanley,⁴ b. April 16, 1876; d. Apr. 7, 1890; (2) Katherine Celeste,⁴ b. Aug. 27, 1878; m. Dec. 13, 1898, James Adam Armstrong. Mrs. C. d. March, 1910.
- 2 DAVID H.,² (James,¹) b. Oct. 3, 1816; left home at 21, went to Georgia as senior partner in a commission bus. with his bro. James. and a Mr. Knowles; this firm failed, he ret. to Vt., was sheriff of Caledonia Co.; in 1844, with his bro. Thos. G., farming and lumbering in Maidstone, and other parts of Essex Co.; he withdrew from the firm in 1876 or '77; in partnership with his sons from 1877. in lumbering in Wenlock, Vt, where their large mill was burned, Dec. 16, 1886; in 1887, he sold this property to the Nulhegan Co., who, later, sold it to Geo. Van Dyke; in the latter year, with his sons Gillespie and Thos C., he began lumbering operations in an unorganized township in northern Maine, where they built up a village in the wilderness, with stores, hotels, railroad station, schools, which they named Beattie, and where they manufactured many million feet of lumber; this was sold, a few days before his death, to Van Dyke. Judge of Probate for Essex Co., several years before and after 1886; Ass't Judge of Co. Court; state senator from Essex Co., 1863, elected by a unanimous vote; Presidential elector, 1880; in politics, whig, and later republican. In the winter of 1855, he made a journey to Ireland, in a sailing vessel, in the interest of his sister, Kate, who had received a legacy from her aunt at Antrim. He was a quiet, gentlemanly man, a wise counsellor, possessed of a keen, logical mind, and decision of character. He m. at Maidstone, Vt, March 18, 1846, Harriet Dana Carlisle of Lancaster, N. H., a cousin of Richard H. Dana of Cambridge, Mass. They rem. to Guildhall, 1886, and to Lancaster, N. H., 1888, where he d. Christmas eve, 1889. and she d. 7 weeks later, Feb. 7, 1890. This was the only year he spent out of Vt.

Children:

- i. James Henry,³ res. Brunswick, Vt.; held many Co. offices, being Ass't Judge; m. Celia M. French of Brunswick, Vt.; d. March 16, 1908. Ch. (1) David H.,⁴ d. at 16 yrs; (2) Matty L.,⁴ b. 1885; grad. Brown Univ. (3) Roy F.,⁴ b. 1887; (4) James H.,⁴ b. 1888; grad. Brown Univ.
 - ii. Gillespie,³ in lumber bus. with his father; he d. un-m. Jan. 11, 1891.
 - iii. Stella,³ res. Salem, Mass.
 - iv. Richard,³ res. Maidstone, Vt., High Sheriff of Essex Co.; he m. Feb. 1882, Isabel L. Webb of Maidstone. Ch. (1) Neal W.,⁴ b. 1885; grad. Norwich Univ. In 1909 he was awarded \$1000 and a medal of honor by the Carnegie hero fund, in recognition of bravery in saving from drowning a schoolmate who had broken through the ice on Waitt River; (2) Irving R.,⁴ b. 1887; (3) Carlisle H.,⁴ b. 1889; (4) John G., b. 1890.
 - v. Harriet C.,³ res. Salem, Mass.
 - vi. Thomas Carlisle,³ was high sheriff of Coös Co., N. H.; he m. d. Lancaster, N. H., Oct. 16, 1899; no ch.
- 3 JAMES,² (James,¹) b. Aug. 20, 1818; went to Georgia with his brother David and remained there, and m. May 6, 1856, Catherine G. Clark, of Augusta, Ga., where he d. Sept. 20, 1858. Ch. Elsie B.,³ b. Feb. 27, 1858; res. Atlanta, Ga.
- 4 THOMAS GILLESPIE,² (James,¹) b. July 10, 1822; in lumber bus. with his bro. David H., from 1844 in Maidstone, Vt., and Lancaster, N. H., carrying on a very extensive business, owning several mills, and employing many men. Town rep. from Maidstone, three times; State Senator from Essex Co., 1860-'61. In politics a war democrat, and was employed by Gov. Fairbanks to raise a Co. for the 3d Vt. from Essex Co. Ret. to the homestead in Ryegate, 1884, and was one of the most extensive farmers in town. He m. 1876, Mary O'Brien; he d. in R. Jan. 12, 1907.

Children:

- i. Mary Gillespie,³ b. May 30, 1877; m. Sept. 16, 1900, Wm. B. Lackie of Peacham; res. Ryegate. Ch. Margaret Beattie [Lackie]; b. Aug. 3, 1907.
- 5 ALEXANDER MITCHELL,² (James,¹) b. July 29, 1828; ed. Peacham and St. Johnsbury Acady's; teacher. In California, bus. and mining 1857-'58; ret. to Vt. and at the opening of the Civil War recruited a Co. of lumbermen in Essex Co. Second Lieut. Co. 9, 3d Vt., afterward captain of Co. F, of that regiment; Captain also of a Co. of sharpshooters from that division. He saw hard service, was in 20 battles, including some of the fiercest of the war. Over 200 men served in his Co. and its losses were heavy. At the battle of Cold Harbor, June 5, 1864, he removed a wounded member of his company, who lay between the lines, for which act of daring he received a gold medal by special act of Congress. Must. out July, 1864, and engaged in lumbering. Res. Brunswick, Vt., where was town rep. 1867-'8. In politics a democrat. Rem. to Lancaster, N. H., 1869, which he rep. in the N. H. legislature 1893-'4. Farmer and lumbering in Pittsburgh, N. H., and Granby, Vt., also owned the Bellows farm in Lancaster. He m. at L., Dec. 30, 1869, Celestia, dau. Andrew J., and Emily (Lincoln) Congdon (b. Lebanon, Conn., June 11, 1847). He d. L. March 7, 1907.

Children:

- i. Mabel Alexander,³ b. L. Feb. 26, 1871; m. May 31, 1893, Charles D. Sawin, M. D., of Somerville, Mass.
- 6 ROBERT GIBSON,² (James,¹) b. Oct. 23, 1831; Com. school education, St. Johnsbury Academy and Newbury Seminary. Farmer on the homestead, and took care of his parents in old age. He m. by Rev. J. M.

Beattie, Jan. 1, 1857, Susan Lang, dau. John M. Child of Monroe, (b. d.). On Aug. 11, 1872, his youngest child aged 26 mos., was killed by a train on the railroad near his home, in sight of his father and two brothers. Mr. Beattie never recovered from the shock of his death, and the railroad company refused to make any compensation for the loss of the child. A few nights later on, the 22d, Mr. B. having discovered a washout on the railroad near his house, stopped a heavily loaded passenger train just in time to avert a terrible disaster. For this he was thanked by vote of the stockholders at their annual meeting, Sept. 4, 1872. He failed in business, 1876, giving up all his property to his creditors, and began life anew. Was afterward in agency business, and selling nursery stock, and dealing in horses. Has been an invalid many years and almost helpless. Res. Lancaster, N. H. Rem. from R. 1882.

Children all b. in Ryegate:

- i. William John,³ b. March 7, 1858; res. Oakland, Cal.; Pullman car conductor on Raymond excursions between Boston and California.
- ii. James Gillespie,³ b. Nov. 8, 1859; a natural mathematician, and an expert bookkeeper; ed. McIndoes and St. Johnsbury Acad's, grad. Comer's Commercial School, Boston; he d. at St. Louis, aged 22, while emp. by E. and T. Fairbanks and Co.
- iii. John May,³ b. April 29, 1862; d.
- iv. Robert Child,³ b. Sept. 21, 1864; in lumber bus. with his uncle, Capt. A. M. Beattie, then with Wright, Blanchard & Twitchell, and with the Bath Lumber Co.; rem. to West Va., then to Miss., where he is in the lumber bus. on a high salary; he m. Martha Hutchins of Bath.
- v. Susan L.,³ grad. Salem, (Mass.,) Normal School; teacher.
- vi. Blanche,³ grad. Salem (Mass.,) Normal School; teacher in Duluth.
- vii. Daughter, d. at a little over one year.
- viii. Thomas,³ killed on the R. R. Aug. 11, 1872, as before mentioned.

BEATTIE.

The emigrant ancestor of Rev. James M. Beattie came from the n. of Ireland before the rev. war, and settled in Orange Co., N. Y., where he obtained much land, and left a large estate to his son John, who had several chil. one of whom was also named John. The latter, b. Orange Co., N. Y., Apr. 14, 1780, m. 1st 1808, Sarah Haines (b. 1790 or '94). She was of Long Island ancestry and a very pious woman; she d. April 8, 1823, and he m. 2d, Eliza, dau. Rev. James McKinney of the Ref. Pres. Ch.; he m. 3d, Rachel Kelso. By his 1st m. he had 11 chil. of whom Rev. James M., lived in R.; John F. m. Feb. 26, 1856, Agnes E., dau. Jonathan Coburn, (q. v.) They lived in St. Andrews, N. Y. A sister, Mary E. Beattie, lived here; m. Rev. Mr. Williams and d. 4 yrs. later. (John B. Williams of Pa., Sept. 19, 1850.) By his 2d m. John Beattie had a son who d. y. and Joseph, b. Ulster Co., N. Y., 1830. The latter lived with his brother in Ryegate some years; grad. Union Col., Schenectady, N. Y., 1853; studied theology with Rev. Jas. Wilson of Philadelphia; ord. by the N. Y. Presbytery, Sept. 27, 1856, and m. in that month Martha Ellen Lord of Delaware. They sailed as missionaries to Syria, Oct. 16, 1856, and settled at Yalah, near Damascus, later at Latakia, a seaport. They were missionaries 27 yrs.; re-visited America, 1863, '4, and 1876; she d. 1877; he d. Oct. 8, 1883; several chil.; received the degree of D. D. from Geneva, Col.

JAMES MILLIGAN,² (John,¹) b. Montgomery, N. Y., Sept. 24, 1811, and was the 1st ch. bapt. by Rev. James Milligan, the Covenanted minister of Coldenham, N. Y., who afterward came to Ryegate, and named for him. He entered Union College, and graduated there in 1834, his room-mate being his cousin, Robert H. Beattie, who became a minister of the Dutch Reformed Church; he taught school for some time,

then sailed for Scotland, landing in Liverpool, Aug. 15, 1840, and went to Paisley, where he studied six weeks at Divinity Hall, under Dr. Symington; spent one winter in Glasgow University; licensed to preach by the Paisley Presbytery in Glasgow, May 8, 1841; preached in Scotland and in Ireland two years, studying at Divinity Hall one session; returned to America in August, 1843, keeping a very minute diary of his voyage; came 1st to Ryegate late in 1843; rec'd call from the congregations of Ryegate and Barnet, March 8, 1844; ord. at Coldenham by the N. Y. Presbytery, May 28, of that year; installed pastor of the Reformed congregation of Ryegate and Barnet June 20, 1844. (See Chap. XIV.) He m. by Rev. James McArthur, Dec. 24, 1856, Margaret Sophia, dau. John Nelson (b. April 15, 1830; d. Woodsville, N. H., Aug. , 1907). She was educated at Newbury Seminary, grad. 1852, and was a most able and efficient assistant to her husband in his ministry; president 13 yrs. of the Ladies' Miss. Soc. Mr. Beattie was a trustee of Peacham Acad. for 20 years. He owned and occupied the house now that of J. A. McLam, where he d. March 9, 1883; bur. Blue Mt. Cem.

Children, all born in Ryegate:

- I. Elizabeth Annott,³ b. May 11, 1859; d. July 7, 1860.
- II. John James,³ b. Jan. 6, 1863. Went to Stuart, Iowa, where he was very successful in business. He resembled his father more than any of the other children; d. Oct. 24, 1896. He m. Elizabeth, dau. Charles Stuart. Chil. Grace, and Charles Stuart, both b. Stuart, Iowa.
- 1 III. William Johnston,³ b. Sept. 6, 1865.
- IV. Joseph Nelson,³ b. Dec. 1, 1870; d. April 9, 1871.
- V. Mary Sophia,³ b. March 6, 1872; m. Dr. Wm. G. Ricker, q. v.
- 2 VI. James R. W. (twin to above).
- 1 WILLIAM Johnston,³ b. Sept. 6, 1865; ed. St. J. Acad.; in Bellevue Med. Coll. 4 yrs; Physician at Littleton, N. H.; Surgeon General on the staff of Gov. Jordan; Medical referee for Grafton Co.; Director in Littleton National Bank; President of Littleton Hospital Association, one of the most successful institutions of the kind in the state; resident physician for the Maplewood Hotel and the Crawford House. Rep. from L., in the N. H. legislature 1899-1900; he m. May 29, 1890, Elizabeth Arnold, dau. Dr. C. M. Tuttle. Dr. Beattie has been very successful in his profession, having an extensive practice, and his family is prominent socially.

Children born in Littleton:

- i. Margaret, b. Jan. 18, 1891.
- ii. Barbara, b. Dec. 28, 1897.
- iii. Elizabeth, b. 1901.
- iv. Catherine, b. 1902.
- 2 JAMES Renwick Wilson,³ b. March 6, 1872; merchant at Ryegate Corner. till burned out Aug. 16, 1890; in Boston till he bought out Harry W. Hibbard at Woodsville, in shoe and grocery bus.; he m. 1893, Blanche Nelson, dau. A. A. Miller,
- Children:
- i. Ibbie Jean, b. Ryegate, 1894; d. Oct. 20, 1910.
- ii. James Milligan, b. Ryegate, 1895; d. 1896.
- iii. Blanche Miller, b. Boston, 1902.
- iv. Robert Archibald, b. Boston, 1904.

BLAIR.

WILLIAM, son of Wm. and Mary (Blackwood), b. ab. 1785; he m, 1st, ab. 1813, Jane Laird (b. ab. 1794; d. Dec. 2, 1842); lived in High Church parish, Paisley; came to Ryegate via Quebec in 1821, being seven weeks on the voyage; they lived at William Nelson's at first; he

bought of James Esden farm known as the James Renfrew farm, and other property later. His neighbors built him a cabin on his land; built framed house in 1836; rem. to Hardwick 1841, and June 19, 1845, he m. as 2d w., Agnes, dau. Alexander Nelson of Ryegate, (b. May 10, 1804; d. Oct. 13, 1874).

Children: the three oldest b. Scotland, the others in R. Dates of birth from town rec.

- i. Mary Blackwood,² b. Feb. 25, 1815; m. James Norris; lived in Troy, Vt., where she d. 1873; he in 1881.
- ii. John,² b. Feb. 16, 1817; m. March 22, 1842, Emeline, dau. Enos Farwell, who lived in R. at one time. They went to Jay, Vt. Five ch. who settled in Jay and Troy.
- iii. William,³ b. March 14, 1819; went to California.
- iv. Matthew,³ b. Dec. 20, 1821; went to California.
- v. Jane,³ b. Jan. 21, 1824; m. Joseph Patch of Hardwick.
- vi. Helen,³ b. March 15, 1826; m. Thomas Taisey.
- vii. James,³ b. April 20, 1828; went to California.
- viii. Walter,³ b. April 2, 1830; went to Cal. 1852 with John Miller and Robert Hall; farming, hotel and street railway bus in Piedmont and Oakland; became wealthy; he m. 1852, at Napa, Cal., Phœbe, dau. John Harvey, q. v. 2 daus. She d. suddenly, Jan. 17, 1888.
- ix. Eliza Ann,³ b. March 30, 1832; no rec.
- x. Margaret Gray,³ b. Dec. 31, 1834; no rec.
- xi. Josephine Victoria,³ b. Jan. 13, 1838; no rec.
- xii. George W.,³ b. Oct. 4, 1839; no rec.

BIGELOW.

- I. JOHN (1641-1703) of England and Watertown, Mass; m. Mary Warren.
- II. JOSHUA; m. Elizabeth Flagg.
- III. ELEAZER, b. 1705; m. Mary Feike or Fife and had 5 chil. of whom Mary m. Dr. Gideon Smith of Newbury, and Jabez.
- IV. JABEZ, m. Deborah Knowlton.
- V. JABEZ,¹ b. Westminster, Mass., March 6, 1764; m. Haverhill, N. H., 1786, Betsey, dau. Ebenezer Mackintosh,* (b. Boston, Mass., Dec. 12, 1768; d. Ryegate, Oct. 10, 1848). He came to Newbury about 1785 and to Ryegate about 1794; farmer, shoemaker, and major in the old militia, and generally styled, "Major Bigelow." He d. at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Nelson, in Monroe, N. H., Dec. 31, 1851; bur. at Wells River.

* Ebenezer Mackintosh was b in Boston, Mass., 1736, and became a tradesman. He m. a Miss Maverick, whose brother Samuel was killed in the Boston Massacre, March 5, 1770. Chil.: (1) Paschal, who settled at Montmorency, Ohio, and reared a large family; (2) Betsey, m. Jabez Bigelow. Mackintosh was a ring leader in the riot of Aug. 26, 1765, in which Lieut. Gov. Hutchinson's house was destroyed. He was also the leader of the Boston Tea Party. For this he was compelled to leave Boston, and came on foot through the wilderness to Haverhill, N. H., leading Paschal by the hand and carrying Betsey in his arms, their mother being dead. He lived in Haverhill and Newbury and later, with his daughter in Ryegate. He went to Ohio to visit his son, remaining several years, going and returning on foot. He d. in Haverhill, 1816; bur. at No. Haverhill. The Bigelow place was known as the Holman place. A man by name of Melvin built the first house on it (now or lately used as a chicken house). Jabez² Bigelow began the present house, but left it unfinished and it was completed by his brother John.

Children:

- i. Elizabeth² McIntosh, b. Newbury, July 12, 1788; m. Jan. 10, 1828, Daniel Darling; d. 1863.
- 1 ii. Jabez,² b. Newbury, Nov. 25, 1789; d. Nov. 13, 1850; Charles C., his son, d. Aug. 8, 1856—32
- iii. John,² b. Newbury, Aug. 8; d. Sept. 5, 1791.
- iv. Roxalana ² b. Ryegate, Oct. 15, 1794; m. John Slye, q. v.
- v. Sirena,² b. R. Dec. 19, 1796; m. Jan. 12, 1815, by Robert Whitelaw, James Bailey of Newbury; farmer on Jefferson Hill; five chil., all b. Newbury; rem. to Messena, N. Y., 1833, where he d. July 7, 1859; she d. Dec. 15, 1868.
- vi. Cynthia,² b. March 4, 1799; m. Robert G. Nelson, q. v.; d. Apr. 9, 1883.
- vii. Laura,² b. April 13, 1802; d. un-m. Jan. 13, 1872.
- 2 viii. John ² b. Dec. 28, 1803
- ix. Knowlton,² b. March 27; d. May 7, 1806.
- x. Mary,² b. March 20, 1807; d. April 1, 1811.
- xi. Anna,² b. July 24, 1809; d. Oct. 1, 1911.
- 1 JABEZ,² (Jabez), b. Newbury, Nov. 25, 1789; lived next south of his brother John; the house has been replaced; he m. Eleanor Chamberlin; died from the kick of a horse, Nov. 13, 1850.

Children:

- i. Paschal, m.; no chil. living.
- ii. Elizabeth, m. Stebbins Smith of Monroe.
- iii. Charles C., m. Huldah Smith of Monroe; they had a dau. Martha; he d. Aug. 18, 1856.
- iv. Mary, m. a Mr. Elmer of Hartford, Ct.; several chil.
- 2 JOHN² (Jabez¹) b. Dec. 28, 1803; farmer in Ryegate, where John Davidson has lately lived; farm now owned by J. L. Mills; the house was begun by his brother, but completed by him; teacher of penmanship in R. and adjoining towns many years; captain in militia; town representative, 1869; member Cong. ch. at Barnet, Newbury, 1839; Wells River, Sept. 5, 1840, till death. He m. Dec. 26, 1836, Mary Charlotte, dau. Dea. Daniel and Persis (Ladd) Thompson (b. Corinth, Vt., May 21, 1821). [She joined the Cong. ch. at Newbury, March 3, 1839, and is the only surviving charter member of the Cong. ch. at Wells River. Org. Sept. 5, 1840. Res. Northfield, Minn.] He d. Ryegate, April 12, 1891.

Children all born in Ryegate:

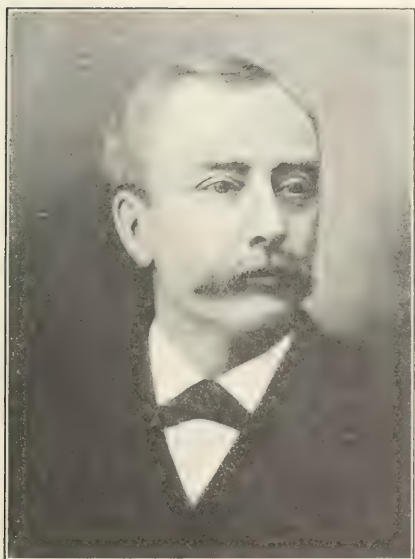
- i. Emily Adelaide,³ b. Sept. 10, 1838; d. Aug. 19, 1839.
- ii. Alexander Thompson,³ b. April 5, 1841; enlisted 1862 in the 15th Vt. Vol., as private; must. out as 2d Lieut., 1863; raised a Co. in Boston for the 2d Mass. (Col. Codman), 1865, and com. Capt. of Co. H. by Gov. Andrew, but the war closing they were not ordered into service; grad. Boston Dental College, 1873; in practice at Boston a few years; later in No. Dakota and since 1888 in St. Paul, Minn. Now at Palm Beach, Florida; has given much attention to microscopy; prominent in Masonry, and member of several patriotic societies; he m. Nov. 26, 1883, Edna A. Kelley.
- iii. Sarah Arabella,³ b. Sept. 6, 1843; ed. Francestown and McIndoes Academies, and Newbury Seminary; teacher in various places in Vt., and N. H., and 3 yrs. at Sterling, Mass. She was m. Aug. 11, 1870, by Rev. Wm. S. Palmer, to Horace Goodhue (b. Westminster West, Feb. 23, 1842, Grad. Dartmouth Col., 1867; taught school at Wells River; became principal of Northfield [Minn.] Academy, 1867; later made Prof. of Greek in Carleton College, and was for many years dean of the faculty. He resigned 1907, after 40 years continuous service. Elected Mayor of Northfield, 1908.)

Children:

- i. Claribel,⁴ b. Aug. 6, 1872; grad. Carleton Col. 1895; m. Aug. 6, 1900, Dr. Charles Hale Wellman of Westminster, Vt., a grad. of Tufts Den-



JOHN BIGELOW, ESQ.



W. W. WRIGHT.



SAMUEL MILLS, SR.

- tal College; res. Cape Town, Africa. Chil. (1) Horace Goodhue,⁵ b. July 3, 1901; (2) Homer Bigelow,⁵ b. Sept. 6, 1905; (3) Charles Hale,⁵ b. Sept. 16, 1907.
- ii. Ralph Bigelow,⁴ b. Jan. 27, 1878; farmer at Donnelly, Minn.; he m. Aug. 27, 1903. Emily Rice of Monticello. Chil. (1) Horace Goodhue, b. Aug. 6, 1904; (2) Margaret, b. Aug. 31, 1906.
 - iii. Mary Katherine, b. March 3, 1881; grad. Carleton Col. 1903; in Europe and Africa one year; in 1907 in Univ. of Chicago; teacher of Latin and Eng. Lit. in Crookston (Minn.) High School, now teacher in Duluth, Minn.
 - iv. William Ladd,³ b. Aug. 31, 1846; d. Feb. 22, 1860.
 - v. Francis Hallan,³ b. Jan. 16, 1850; farmer on homestead; m. May 26, 1880, Adaline H. Kent; rem. to Wells River, April, 1896; he d. Feb. 18, 1898; no chil. She m. 2d, Oct. 6, 1909, E. D. Carpenter of Wells River.

BOLE.

REV. JOHN, b. Newton Stewart, Galloway, Scotland, Jan. 24, 1821. He was an only child and both parents d. when he was ten or twelve years old; educated in the schools of Newton Stewart, graduated at the University of Glasgow and later took theological training in the Ref. Pres. Seminary under Professor Andrew Symington. He m. April 21, 1853, Marion Brown, a niece of Prof. Symington, and ten days later they sailed for America, and came to South Ryegate in Oct. where he was ordained and installed pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian church, Dec. 24, 1853. Resigned and returned to Scotland in June, 1862; settled in Belfast, Ireland, May, 1863; returned to America in 1869; settled as pastor of the Ref. Pres. ch. at West Barnet, June 23, 1869, retired from active ministry 1886, occasionally preaching. He published a small volume of sermons in 1861. Mr. Bole was justly regarded as one of the ablest ministers in this vicinity. He was a close student, a ready speaker and writer, an earnest teacher of the word, and a most genial man. He d. at W. Barnet, Nov. 2, 1906.

Children:

- i. John Brown, b. Ryegate; d. at nine years of age.
- ii. Margaret Symington, b. Ryegate, Oct. 21, 1856; ed. Peacham Academy, grad. Salem (Mass.) Normal School; teacher at Milford, N. H., Concord, Mass., and Burlington, Vt. She was m. Jan. 27, 1890, to Dr. Charles Allen Hamilton of Waterbury, Conn.
- iii. William McClure, b. Ryegate, May 30, 1857; ed. Peacham Acad.; learned the printer's trade in the office of the St. Johnsbury Caledonian; connected with various papers, editing papers in St. Paul, Minn., Bozeman and Great Falls, Montana, and now editor of the Great Falls Daily Tribune. He m. Aug. 20, 1881, Sarah Elizabeth Dow of St. Johnsbury.
- iv. Robert Stewart, b. Ryegate, March 24, 1860; ed. Peacham Acad.; was for a time apothecary on a ship in the U. S. Navy; grad. with honor from the medical department of Vt. University. Now in practice at St. Paul, Minn. He m. Sept. 12, 1894, Katherine Fox of St. Paul.
- v. Andrew Symington, b. Glasgow, Scotland, Nov. 23, 1862; ed. Peacham Acad. For three yrs. from Sept. 1886, editor of the Saturday Evening News, owned and published by his brother at West St. Paul, Minn.; reporter one year for the St. Paul Pioneer Press; entered Bangor Theological Seminary, and grad. May, 1895; ordained as a Congregational minister at Turner, Me., Oct. 4, 1895; pastor there May 1895-April, 1899. Cong. ch., Coventry, Vt., Apr. 1899-1910. Bought a farm in Barnet, and res. there. Rep. from Coventry in Vt. legislature, 1906. He m. April 27, 1887, Laura May Watts of Monticello, Ill.

- vi. Marion Brown, b. Belfast, Ireland, Nov. 30, 1864; ed. Peacham Acad., teacher at Burlington, Vt.; several years; now, 1908, with her mother. Mrs. Bole d. Jan. 22, 1911.
- vii. James Paisley, b. Belfast, Ire., May 7, 1868; ed. Peacham Acad. and Burlington (Vt.) High School; studied law and was ad. to the bar in Ill., but has been engaged in newspaper work in Montana; he m. Aug. 30, 1891, Mary McCormack of St. Paul, Minn.

BONE

DAVID,¹ b. Scotland 1807; m. 1833, Margaret, dau. Wm. Buchanan, b. 1802; sailed for America with other friends in 1835, a voyage of six weeks, 3 days, landing in New York in Oct.; came to Burlington by water, and across the state, and the party wintered near McIndoes. They lived one year in Newbury, on the farm now owned by Henry Whitehill. In 1838, the Bone family settled in South Ryegate, then containing two houses, which were those of Robert Arthur and John Miller. He built a log house of two rooms, a "but" and a "ben," where the Lamphere house now stands, and, later, the present house. In that house many singing schools and "Society Meetings" have been held. David Bone d. Jan. 17, 1846; she d. March 4, 1853.

Children:

- 1 i. WILLIAM, b. May 6, 1834.
- 2 ii. DAVID, b. Dec. 15, 1835.
- iii. MARGARET, b. Dec. 15, 1837; m. John Davidson, q. v.
- iv. JEAN, b. Nov. 15, 1839; d. Sept. 1848.
- v. MARY, b. July 27, 1842; m. Jan. 12, 1870, John Campbell.
- vi. JAMES BEATTIE, b. Feb. d. July, 1845.
- 1 WILLIAM,² (David,¹) b. Glasgow, Scotland, May 6, 1834; lived on the homestead with his brother David till 1865, when he bought of Plato Eames the large farm on which his son John S., lives, between Boltonville and Wells River. Member and for years Session Clerk of the Ref. Pres. Church in Ryegate. He m. 1st, Dec. 5, 1866, Jane, dau. Archibald Ritchie (b. Aug. 7, 1834; d. Jan. 28, 1875); 2d, March 16, 1877, Ellen, dau. John Smith (b. April 5, 1841).
- Chil. (besides three who d. in inf.) all b. Newbury.
- i. William,³ b. June 4, 1868; supt. of brickyard at York Corner, Me.; m. Aug. 8, 1899, Mabel L. Davis of Portsmouth, N. H. Ch., Gertrude Frances, b. April 12, 1904.
- ii. Archie Ritchie,³ b. Nov. 22, 1871; grad. St. Johnsbury Academy, and Poughkeepsie (N. Y.) Business College; bookkeeper several years in Cent. Vt. R. R. office, St. Albans; now farmer near So. Ryegate; m. Dec. 1, 1899, Edith Eleanor Plummer of Clearfield, Io. a. gr. dau. of Wm. N. Gibson. Ch., Norman Archibald, b. April 2, 1902.
- By second marriage:
- iii. Herman David,³ b. March 14, 1878; grad. Wells River High School, and at Univ. Vt., Medical College. Now ward physician in State Lunatic Hospital, Waterbury, Vt. He m. Dec. 25, 1905, Bertha Mae, dau. Ansel T. Davis of Wells River. Chil., (1) Charlotte Davis, b. Oct. 12, 1906; (2) Harriet Eleanor, b. Oct. 13, 1909.
- iv. John Smith,³ b. Dec. 1, 1879; grad. Wells River High School; farmer with his father; school director in Newbury, 1910; m. Burlington, Aug. 18, 1909, Lucia H. Hadley.
- v. Ellen Jean, b. Aug. 26, 1884; grad. W. R. High School and St. J. Academy; trained nurse at Heaton Hospital, Montpelier.
- 2 DAVID,² (David,¹) b. Dec. 15, 1835; farmer in South Ryegate; he m. Jan. 12, 1871, Nancy Allen, dau. John Smith (b. Aug. 23, 1843); he d. May 6, 1878, and she m. 2d Robert H. Gates, q. v.

Children:

- i. Nellie Margaret,³ b. April 14, 1873; teacher for several years in the public schools of R.
- ii. John David Nelson,³ b. May 30, 1876; d. June 14, 1895.

BROCK.

ROBERT,¹ b. ab. 1715, in the parish of Old Kilpatrick, Dunbartonshire, Scotland; m. Jean Miller of New Kilpatrick. He was a miller in Scotland, and a member of the Scotch American Co. The number of their children is not known, but there seems to have been a William, besides Andrew and Robert, who were among the first settlers of Ryegate. The parents came to this town in 1786; he bought the mills at Boltonville, and refitted them, also bought land in different parts of the town, but lived at Boltonville, then called Brock's Falls. Members of the Associate church. He d. Oct. 1, 1799; she d. Oct., 1803; buried at Ryegate Corner, where their graves are covered by a large tombstone, lying flat upon the ground. Robert Brock probably brought more money into town than any other man, except William Nelson. When Col. Thomas Johnson of Newbury was a prisoner in Canada during the revolutionary war, money for his support was sent to him by drafts upon Robert Brock by his son Andrew. One of these drafts is preserved among the Johnson papers in the library at Newbury and is as follows:

£30.

RYEGATE, July 11, 1781.

SIR, Thirty days after this my Fourth of Exchange, my first, second and third not being paid, Pay to the ORDER of Thomas Johnson, Thirty Pounds Sterling Money of Great Britain, it being for value received here, and place the same to my account as per Advice from you.

Your Humble Servant,

ANDREW BROCK.

TO ROBERT DONALD,
Merchant Glasgow.

Accompanying this was the following letter:

NEWBURY, July 14, 1781.

TO COL. THOMAS JOHNSON, at Three Rivers.

DEAR SIR,

Agreeable to your desire, I have sent you a s t of Bills on Glasgow, Contents 30£ Sterling from Mr. Andrew Brock. There is not a house in Glasgow I should put more confidence in. The money comes from his father and is sure to be Allowed. Doct. Hopkins takes the charge of the Bills and Letters from this Place, and is to go by way of Castletown expecting there to send the Bills and other articles by a flag from Crown Point, agreeable to your instructions. I have sent a letter for Glasgow. I hope you will do what you can to have it sent forward * *

Your obt Servant,

WILLIAM WALLACE.

The children of Robert and Jean Brock who came to Ryegate were Andrew and Robert.

ANDREW,² (Robert,¹) b. at Barns of Clyde, Parish of Old Kilpatrick, 1749; came to America in 1772, and to Ryegate in May, 1774, with his brother Robert. He settled at the Corner, and his family, says Mr. Miller, "was for years one of the most prominent, wealthy, and respected in Ryegate. He carried on a large farming business, and built a large tavern at the Corner, called the Red House and later, the Peters Tavern; ran it a number of years, and leased it to different parties." He m. about 1782, Mary, dau. Archibald Taylor (b. March 4, 1764; d. March 25, 1858, aged 94 yrs.) They were original members of the Associate church, in which he was the 2d elder, and of which she was a member 74 years. He brought from Scotland the following certificate:

These are certifying that the bearer hereof Andrew Brock, un married, was born and brought up in this Parish, and had his residence in it till the date hereof. Behaving himself always soberly and honestly, free from public scandal or ground of Church Censure known to the Kirk Session here, and therefore at his removal from this parish may be admitted to any Christian Congregation or Society where God in His Holy Providence may order his lot.

Given at Old Kirkpatrick and County of Dunbarton this 22d of March, 1774 and signed by,

JOHN DAVIDSON, Mins'r,
ALEX. BELL, Sess. Clerk,
JAMES HOUSTON, } Elders.
WILLIAM DONALD, }

"Dea. Andrew Brock was a fine man, and one of the pillars of the Associate church. After his death the fortunes of the family rapidly declined. Gentleness was the leading characteristic in the Brock family—the hyena disposition existed in none of them."—MILLER.

Andrew Brock was drafted into the revolutionary war, but for some reason could not go, and John Orr volunteered in his place. He d. June 17, 1817.

Children: Baptisms from Session Book

- i. Jean,² b. Sept 29, 1783; bapt. by Rev. Peter Powers; she m. 1825, by Rev. D. Goodwillie, Wm. Dean of Dalton, N. H.
- ii. Mary,² b. July 26, 1785; bapt. by Rev. John Houston; m. William Grant, q. v.
- 1 iii. Robert,² b. May 30, 1787; bapt. by Rev. Dr. Thomas Clark; m. Feb. 22, 1816, by Rev. D. Goodwillie, Sabra Strong.
- iv. Agnes,² b. April 6, 1787; bapt. by Rev. Thos. Beveridge. She was a well known nurse for many years; m. Oct. 1, 1838, Sabin Johnson of Bath.
- v. Margaret,² b. Oct. 17, 1791; d. June 17, 1794; bapt. by Rev. David Goodwillie.
- vi. Andrew,² b. Jan. 27, 1794; m. "Widow White" of Attleboro, Mass.
- vii. Archibald,² b. March 19; d. July 19, 1796.
- viii. Elizabeth,² b. June 16, 1797; m. 1st, Joel Nutter, q. v. 2d, William Wright, q. v.
- 2 ix. William,² b. June 30, 1800; m. ab. 1828, Tryphena Clement of Barnet. He was very ingenious and remarkable for his wonderful skill on the violin. Went west.
- x. Margaret,² b. Sept. 4, 1802; d. March 1806.
- 3 xi. Walter Miller,² b. Sept. 15, 1804.
- 4 xii. James, b. June 9, 1806.

ROBERT,² (Robert,¹) b. Barns of Clyde, Parish of Old Kilpatrick, 1754; came to America with his bro. Andrew in 1772; they landed in New York, where they remained two years; they intended returning to Scotland, but could not get passage; came to Ryegate, May, 1774; bought land and settled at the Corner, where W. H. Nelson lives; elected Lieut. in 1st Co. of militia, May 14, 1776; he m. Jan. 17, 1777, Elizabeth, dau. Claudius Stewart, the 2d m. in R.; rem. to Barnet, 1780, and later to W. Barnet; elder in Barnet Ctr. ch.; town clerk; he d. 1804.

Children: the five last b. in Barnet.

- i. Robert,³ b. Ryegate, Dec. 17, 1777; lived in Barnet; no rec.
- ii. William,³ b. Ryegate, March 19, 1780; no record.
- iii. James,³ b. Feb. 9, 1784; d. March 11, 1871.
- iv. Cloud,³ b. April 23, 1786.
- v. Janet,³ b. Feb. 2, 1788; m. John Darling, q. v.
- vi. Alexander,³ b. Aug. 7, 1791; m. Mabel, dau. Col Alexander Harvey; d. Feb. 5, 1885; 5 ch. The youngest, Robert H, was a colonel in the civil war.
- vii. Stuart,³ b. Aug. 1, 1793; no rec.
- 1 ROBERT,³ (Andrew,² Robert,¹) He had two chil.: John who lived and died in Boston, and Lucy who m. Calvin Crosby of Hardwick, Vt., and had three chil., Henry, Alice and George. She d. in Boston. Henry

Crosby was in the dry goods business with a Mr. Taplin (under the name of Crosby & Taplin) at Montpelier, in the old brick building at the corner of Main and State streets. Prior to that time he had been employed in the bank at Wells River. He was also in the dry goods business in Boston. He m. Mary S. Stevens, b. Barnet, Nov. 5, 1851; d. May 17, 1884; 1 dau. Mary Alice, b. May 7, 1884; d. Aug. 9, 1888. He d. Boston ab. 1907. Alice Crosby m. Granville L. Clark, bro. of Capt. Charles Clark of the battleship Oregon fame (b. Bradford, Oct. 20, 1850) who is employed by the Government at Benton Harbor, Mich. George Crosby m. and spent a number of years in Nebraska where his wife d.; lives in Boston, is emp. as exp. agent by the Boston & Maine R. R.

- 2 WILLIAM,³ (Andrew,² Robert,¹) b. June 30, 1800; m. Tryphena Clement of Barnet.

Children:

- i. William Wallace,⁴ res. Loveland, Ohio.
- ii. Robert Bruce,⁴ (twin to above), not living.
- iii. Miranda,⁴ b. Dec. 27, 1830; m. Thomas Whipple; d. Boston, Mass., Feb. 18, 1856.
- iv. Edwin Ruthven,⁴ res. Iowa City, Iowa.
- v. Martha Jane,⁴ b. Feb. 15, 1838; m. Dan L. Brown; res. Sparta, Wis.
- vi. Mary Leslie,⁴ b. Feb. 15, 1841; m. Thomas Whipple as 2d w.; d. Wellesley, Mass., Feb. 2, 1902. 3 dau.
- vii. Elizabeth W.,⁴ b. Sept. 18, 1843; m. Dan M. Brown; d. Waltham, Mass., April 27, 1879; 2 daus.
- ix. Archibald Buchanan,⁴ res. Loveland, Ohio.

- 3 [WALTER MILLER,³ (Andrew,² Robert,¹) b. Sept. 15, 1804; farmer in Barnet and Newbury; colonel in the old militia about 1834; rem. to N. H. ab. 1850; he m. Dec. 20, 1832, Mary, dau. Caleb Wilson of Topsham, and gr.-daughter of Thomas McKeith (b. Topsham, Oct. 10, 1814; d. Newbury, April 8, 1896). He d. Newbury, Jan. 8, 1887. Member of the Asso. Pres. Ch. Both bur. Town House Cem., Newbury.

Children:

- i. Son, b. and d. in Barnet.
- ii. Mary Jane, b. Oct. 26, 1842; m. April 21, 1866, David J. Peach of Newbury; d. there, July 30, 1895.
- iii. Sarah is m., res. Claremont N. H.
- iv. Susan; m. Rev. Benjamin Cross of the Baptist Board of Missions; went to India as missionaries ab. 1873, and rem. several years, and where their c. were b. Now res. in Mass.

- 4 JAMES,³ (Andrew,² Robert,¹) b. June 9, 1806; lived in Charlestown, N. H., and Springfield, Vt.; d. Springfield, July 27, 1872. He m. 1845, Elizabeth Jane Leavitt (b. Gilford, N. H., Dec. 17, 1820; d. W. Roxbury, Mass., Oct. 16, 1884).

Children:

- i. Harriet A.,⁴ b. Feb. 24, 1847; d. Springfield, Vt., Aug. 19, 1872.
- ii. Harlan W.,⁴ b. June 30, 1849; d. Charlestown, N. H., Oct. 11, 1907.
- iii. Henry A.,⁴ b. Sept. 2, 1851; d. Boston, March, 1888.
- iv. Willis J.,⁴ b. Sept. 9, 1853; d. Charlestown N. H., March 16, 1858.
- v. Frank,⁴ b. Sept. 3, 1856; res. W. Roxbury, Mass.
- vi. Elizabeth I.,⁴ b. May 12, 1859; res. W. Roxbury, Mass.
- vii. Agnes,⁴ b. Feb. 24, 1862; d. Charlestown, N. H., Aug. 16, 1863.

BROCK.

WALTER, came from Glasgow, Scotland, with his family in 1775; lived in Newbury till 1780; removed to Barnet; he m. in Scotland, Janet, dau. Claudius Stewart; she d. 1798 and he m. 2d, Martha Chamberlin of Peacham. He lived on the farm where D. Brock lived in 1860 and d.

1827. Walter Brock's 1st w. was a cousin of Jean Stewart who m. Wm. Nelson 1st. He was called Esq. Brock, and lived at West Barnet, and kept the only inn in that vicinity for many years.

Children:

- I. JANET,² b. Scotland, 1767; m. Col. Alexander Harvey. q. v.
- II. JOHN,² b. Scotland, 1769; farmer in Barnet; m. Phebe, dau. Job Abbott. 5 chil.
- III. PHEBE,² m. Alexander Gilchrist of B.
- IV. CLAUDIUS.² No record.
- V. DAUGHTER, rem. in Scotland; m. and d. there.
- VI. ISABEL,² b. Newbury, 1776; m. Wm. Hyndman, q. v.
- VII. WALTER,² b. Newbury, 1778; m. Sally Nutter; lived in Barnet, 9 ch.
- 1 VIII. JAMES,² b. Barnet.
- IX. ANNA,² m. John Abbott of B.
- X. JANET,² m. Hugh Jameson.
- XI. WILLIAM,² m. Phebe Spencer. Settled in Canada.
- XII. MARION,² m. Geo. Nutter of B.

By 2d marriage:

- XIII. SAMUEL.²
- 1 JAMES,² (Walter,¹) b. Barnet; m. 1805, Mary, dau. Job Abbott; lived in W. Barnet, except while building mills in Bath, 1810-1812. 11 ch. of whom Alexander Harvey (2.)
- 2 ALEXANDER HARVEY,³ (James,² Walter,¹) b. Bath, N. H., Jan. 10, 1811; carpenter; built barns still standing in Newbury, Ryegate and Barnet, also the sawmill at Boltonville in 1841; bought in 1846 of Wm. McPhee, the farm in Ryegate, which had been that of Campbell Symes, where he d. May 3, 1890; he m. March 17, 1842, by Rev. Wm. Pringle, Janet, dau. Robert Gibson, (b. Johnston, Scot., Oct. 9, 1813; d. Ryegate, March 30, 1894).

Children:

- 3 i. Robert Gibson,⁴ b. June 11, 1843.
- ii. Phebe Jane,⁴ b. Jan. 7, 1845; m. John H. Symes, q. v.
- 4 iii. David,⁴ b. March 5, 1847.
- iv. Matthew J.,⁴ b. March 6, 1850.
- v. John C.,⁴ b. Aug. 23, 1852.

The two last live on the home farm also own the place formerly owned by the Symes sisters, Mrs. Tucker and Mrs. Buchanan.

ROBERT GIBSON,⁴ (A. Harvey,³ Jas.,² Walter,¹) b. Ryegate. June 11, 1843; ed. McIndoes Acad.; served in the Union Army as corporal in Co. F. 15th Vt.; clerk 1864-'5 for Azro Dutton at McIndoes; worked in Whitin Machine Works, Whitinsville, Mass., 1865-'72; came to Wells River, 1872, working for Carpenter & Jones, buying out the former in 1872, the latter 1878; res. Wells River in Co. with his bro. David, in manufacture of water tubs and house finish; he m. 1st, Oct. 5, 1867, Martha Helen, dau. Geo. Rhodes of Ryegate (b. Dec. 26, 1846; d. Sept. 2, 1872). 2d, Nov. 2, 1875, Addie Dorilla Jay of St. Johnsbury who d. Nov. 19, 1883; 3d, July 5, 1906, Mrs. Minnie (Chamberlin) Duren of Carlisle, Mass. Members of Cong. ch. at Wells River.

Children:

- i. Flora Emily,⁵ b. Whitinsville, Mass., Sept. 28, 1868; m. Nov. 29, 1894; Samuel F. Goss of Wells River, and res. there.
 - ii. Alice Janet,⁵ b. Whitinsville, Nov. 13, 1871; pupil in N. E. Conservatory of Music; she married Dec. 11, 1895, John H. Morrill of Ashland, N. H. Ch. Olney Smith,⁶ b. Nov. 19, 1896.
- By 2d marriage, all b. Wells River:
- iii. Frank Dean,⁵ b. Aug. 20, 1876; d. April 26, 1875.

- iv. Frederick Harvey,⁵ b. April 3, 1880; traveling salesman; res. Wells River; he m. Aug. 1905, Margaret Beaton of Ryegate. Ch. (1) Robert Donald,⁶ b. March 28, 1906; (2) Jean Russell, b. July 23, 1907.
- v. Herbert Jay,⁵ b. Nov. 6, 1883; grad. W. R. H. S.; telephone manager, Stoneham, Mass.; he m. Edna McCord of Boston. Ch. (1) Frederic H., b. July 6, 1906. (2) Richard, b. Jan. 15, 1908; d. Aug. 12, 1908. (3) Merle, b. Sept. 9, 1909. (4) Helen, b. Jan. 19, 1911.

DAVID,⁴ (A. H.,³ Jas.,² Walter,¹) b. March 5, 1847; ed. McIndoes Acad.; bought 1871 of Samuel A. Moore the farm on the w. side of Tickle-naked Pond which he sold 1876, to W. T. McLam; rem. to Wells River, bought the Dr. Trask place; in Co. with his bro. R. G.; he m. May 2, 1871, Emily Annette dau. Geo. Rhodes, b. Ryegate. Members of Cong. ch. Wells River, and Supt. of S. S.

Children:

- i. Cora Annette,⁵ b. Ryegate, Nov. 19, 1872; grad. Middlebury Col.; pre-ceptress some years of Lyndon Institute; m. Oct. 19, 1903, Prof. Martin E. Daniels of Lyndonville. Ch. Phillip Brock, b. July 16, 1904.
- ii. George Harvey,⁵ b. Newbury, March 24, 1877; grad. W. R. H. S.; messenger for Am. Ex. Co., bet. Boston and Newport; m. March 15, 1911, Carolyn A. Warden of Boston.

BROCK.

ALDEN,³ (Jacob,² Thomas,¹) b. Newbury, Jan. 3, 1814; lived in Topsham; served in the Union army, went to Col.; he m. March 17, 1842, Agnes, dau. John Somers of Ryegate, who d. 1888.

Children:

- i. Louisa, d. 1864.
- ii. Reuben, served in the army, killed at Fredericksburg.
- 1 iii. Claudius Alden, b. June 12, 1844.
- iv. Isabel, b. Aug. 22, 1848; lives in Ryegate.
- v. Milo, b. Apr. 1850; m. Leonora Mills.

1 CLAUDIUS ALDEN,⁴ b. June 12, 1844; in Montana some years; ret. to Vt. and m. Nov. 29, 1871, Cora A. Butterfield of Topsham, who d. Nov. 3, 1875; he m. 2d, Sept. 3, 1879, Agnes, dau. Wm. Hunter, and widow of Lee Somers. They lived in Barnet 3 yrs.; bought the Moses Gates place in Ryegate, March, 1882.

Children by 1st. marriage:

- i. Lee C.,⁵ b. Topsham, Nov. 8, 1872.
- ii. Cora Helen,⁵ b. Topsham, July 8, 1875.

By 2d marriage:

- iii. Katherine May,⁵ b. Barnet, June 2, 1880.
- iv. Walter,⁵ b. Ryegate, Aug. 22, 1882.
- v. Perley Milo,⁵ b. Ryegate, Dec. 5, 1884.
- vi. Agnes Vida,⁵ b. R. Sept. 16, 1887. Stenographer at Worcester, Mass.
- vii. Avis Verna Jean,⁵ b. May 21, 1890.
- viii. Gertrude Ruth,⁵ b. R. Aug. 19, 1892.

BROWN.

ROBERT,¹ from the north of Ireland, of Scotch descent, came to America with his dau. Mrs. Samuel Allen, in his old age, and lived with her till his death. His children were Stafford, Jane, who m. Samuel Allen, and Agnes.

STAFFORD,² (Robert,¹) b. Parish of Velston, Antrim Co., Ireland; m. there in 1794, Nancy Houston. He was implicated in the Irish rebellion, and came to America in 1800, with his family; lived in N. J., and N. Y., some years, then came to R., and settled on the farm owned later by John Park; he d. 1840.

Children:

- i. Mary,³ b. 1796; m. Josiah Rhodes of Groton
- 1 ii. Robert,³ b. 1797.
- iii. Agnes,³ d. in New York.
- 1 ROBERT,³ (Stafford,² Robert,¹) b. 1797. Came to America with parents and to Ryegate, where he located on the place now owned by George R. Brown; carpenter; he m. Aug. 13, 1818, Elizabeth [Betsey], dau. Ebenezer Heath, (b. March 10, 1798, d. Jan. 7, 1872). He d. Feb. 28, 1872.

Children:

- i. William,⁴ b. 1819; carpenter; lived for a time in the house now owned by J. F. Whitehill at So. R. Rem. to Groton, but ret. to So. R., in 1872, and lived on the home place till d. 1883, bur. Groton; he m. a dau. of Jacob and Sally (Morrison) Hatch of G., who after his d. m. Charles Varnum of Peacham, and they lived on the home place some time; she d. 1910. One ch. George R.³
- ii. Nancy,⁴ m. 1st Bradley Plummer of Groton, 5 ch.; 2d James R. Park of Ryegate.
- iii. Phebe,⁴ (twin to Nancy); m. Daniel Coffrin of Groton, 6 ch.
- iv. Thomas H., b. Jan. 9, 1823.
- v. James,⁴ b. m. Chastina Morrison of Groton; 6 ch.; carpenter.
- vi. Robert.⁴ He was a sailor for some years, m. a lady from Glasgow and settled in Australia; 6 ch.
- 2 THOMAS H.,⁴ b. Jan. 9, 1823; mechanic; he m. 1845. Lydia Chandler of Mercer, Maine. He enlisted, Sept. 20, 1862, for 3 yrs. in Co. F., U. S. S. and fell in the Wilderness near Spottsylvania C. H., May 12, 1864; she d. June 5, 1879.

Children:

- i. Horace E.,⁵ b. June 14, 1848; farmer some years on the "Nourse Farm." in Newbury; he m. Dec. 24, 1874, Emily Sulham. Ch., Mary E.,⁶ b. Jan. 29, 1876; m. Jan. 18, 1898, Walter Hood, and d. June 29, 1908. Ch. (1) Gladys L. [Hood], b. Oct. 19, 1898. (2) Clarence [Hood], b. Nov. 11, 1901.
- ii. Warren,⁵ b. Oct. 6, 1854; m. 1897, Lizzie Jackson, who d. April 1, 1902.
- iii. Carlos H.,⁵ b. June 24, 1856; carpenter and farmer, Newbury Ctr. He m. July 7, 1891, Emma Corey. Ch., Roscoe C., b. May 3, 1893.
- iv. Annette J.,⁵ b. Feb. 22, 1859; m. Sept. 7, 1880, Thomas Courtney (b. Kenduskeag, Me., June 22, 1850. In granite business over 30 yrs.) Ch. (1) James Carroll [Courtney] b. April 22, 1882. (2) Elizabeth Inez [Courtney], b. June 6, 1884; d. Dec. 11, 1889. (3) Thomas Francis [Courtney] b. Jan. 21, 1895. (4) John Earl [Courtney] b. Dec. 18, 1898.
- 3 GEORGE R.,⁵ (William,⁴ Robert,³) b. Dec. 20, 1848; carpenter; m. March 30, 1871, Ida E., dau. Alonzo and Eliza [Vose] George of Rumney, N. H.

Children:

- i. Cora Bell,⁶ b. Jan. 3, 1875; m. Oct. 24, 1892, Geo. A. Lackie of Newbury. Ch. (1) Edith May, b. June 22, 1894. (2) Alice R., b. May 11, 1896.
- ii. Hattie May,⁶ b. Feb. 13, 1877; m. Luther B. Crow, q. v.
- iii. Frank C.,⁶ b. Aug. 15, 1881; stone cutter, and farmer; lives on what was once called the Quint place. He m. Ethel, dau. James Gardner of Newbury.
- iv. Blanche J.,⁶ b. March 7, 1887; m. March 9, 1905, Ernest, son of John and Mary (Plummer) Ingram; stone cutter. Ch. Geo. J., b. Dec. 18, 1905.

BUCHANAN.*

JOHN, b. Buchanan Parish, Scotland, 1744; m. Ann Campbell; lived some years in Glasgow and Paisley; came to America, 1785; lived two or three years at Hampstead, N. H., then came here and bought the farm where Claudius Somers afterwards lived. There was a small clearing and a log house on the place at the time. They had never heard of fire flies, and were terribly frightened when they saw them for the first time. She d. 1817; he in 1831.

Children all born in Scotland:

ANN, m. ——— Carrick; 2d Robert Cross.

JOHN, d. un-m. in 1801.

JANET, m. Wm. Somers.

ARCHIBALD, was impressed into the British navy, and was a sailor 38 years. At the taking of the Isle of France he was severely wounded. Mr. Miller remembered his visiting R. about 1840.

ELIZABETH, fell upon some burning brush and was burned so she died.

MABEL, her twin sister, m. John Somers.

BUCHANAN.†

MOSES Buchanan lived in Barnallan, Baldernock Parish, Shropshire, Scotland. He m. Lillias Angus, and they had seven sons and three daughters. Three sons came to America and settled in Ryegate.

1 WALTER,² the oldest son, b. 1765.

2 ANDREW,² b. March 11, 1770.

3 WILLIAM.²

1 WALTER,² (Moses,¹) b. Scotland, 1765; he came to America in 1800, and bought land of the Scotch Co., and began to clear the farm where Wm. N. Gilfillan now lives clearing about 100 acres. He m. 1807, Mary, dau. John Johnston (b. Scotland, March 1789; d. Aug. 6, 1869). He d. May 24 1843. He built about 1835, the house where his son Andrew long lived. He built the first dam and mill at Groton Pond. Planted an apple orchard of seven acres.

Children:

i. Infant,³ b. and d. 1808.

ii. Mary,³ b. Apr. 15, 1810; d. Oct. 24, 1898; m. George Lumsden of Newbury.

4 iii. Walter,³ b. Dec. 1, 1811.

5 iv. John,³ b. Oct. 1, 1813.

v. Moses,³ b. 1816; d. 1817.

vi. William,³ b. Aug. 1, 1818; d. un-m. March 4, 1892.

vii. Lillias,³ b. May 1, 1820; m. David Miller,³ q. v.

viii. James,³ b. Feb. 16, 1822; d. April 16, 1823.

ix. Jane,³ b. Feb. 17, 1825; m. James Gilfillan.

x. Margaret,³ b. March 31, 1826; m. May 2, 1854 Samuel W. Clark, q. v.

xi. Moses,³ b. Dec. 8, 1829; lived in Newbury; m. Dec. 31, 1868, Jane, dau. Nathaniel Roy of Barnet (b. 1829; d. May 23, 1911). He d. Feb. 13, 1904; one dau. Jennie; m. Doane Cook, who d. June, 1905; 6 chil.

6 xii. Andrew,³ b. Oct. 5, 1830.

xiii. James,³ b. 1835. Went to Cal, then to Texas; has been lost sight of for many years.

2 ANDREW,² (Moses), b. Scotland, March 11, 1770. Came to America in 1801 with James Wallace, the Robens, Robert Fulton who settled in Newbury, Jean Arbuckle and others. There were 40 in the party.

* By Mr. Mason. † By Mr. Miller, Mrs. Cole, Miss I. L. Buchanan, W. G. Buchanan and others.

They came up the river from Hartford in a flat boat run by Joseph Chamberlin, and reached Newbury on a Sabbath morning, when Col. Wm. Wallace invited the whole party to his tavern to breakfast. Their boat was finally tied up to an elm tree still standing on the river bank at the foot of Ingalls Hill in Newbury.* He bought land of the Scotch Co., before he left Scotland, and later of John Allen, the farm where Fred Boardway lives. He m. Aug. 29, 1801, Jean, dau. Matthew Roben (b. May 19, 1783; d. Jan. 18, 1862). He d. Nov. 17, 1837.

BALDERNOCK, 11th March, 1770.

Moses Buchanan, tenant in Boisale, and Lillias Angus his spouse, had a son Baptized named Andrew.

Extracted from the Register of Baldernock by James Duncan, Sess. Clerk.

He presented the following church certificate :

That the Bearer, Andrew Buchanan, was Born and resided in this parish until the term of Whitsunday, 1797, behaving himself soberly, Honestly and unoffensively, free from all public scandal or ground of Church Censure known to us, is an ordinary Communicant, and may be received into any Christian Congregation or Society where God in his providence shall order his lot. Is attested at Baldernock this 26th March, 1801.

JAS. COWPER, Minister.
JAMES DUNCAN, Clerk.

Children all born in Ryegate:

- i. Moses,³ b. March 16, 1803; went to Wells River in 1826, and worked for Timothy Shedd; in 1830 he went into company with Samuel Hutchins as general merchants, in the "Marsh Building," now called the "Bachop Block," the firm name being Hutch ns & Buchanan till 1851. He d. un-m. July 1, 1859.
- ii. Andrew,³ b. Feb. 15, 1807; went into business in Philadelphia, where he continued about 20 yrs; d. June 25, 1863.
- iii. James,³ b. March 9, 1809; went to Wells River 1834, and entered the firm of Hutchins & Buchanan, the firm name being Hutchins, Buchanan & Co. In 1851, he bought out Mr. Hutchins, and his brother Wm. bought out Moses, the firm name then was J. & W. G. Buchanan, which continued till his death; colonel in the old militia; town rep. from Newbury, 1845-'46; he m. 1st Sarah Jane, dau. Charles Hale (b. Feb. 11, 1819; d. March 21, 1843); 2d, Mrs. Eveline Watson Mansfield; he d. June 24, 1867.
- iv. Matthew,³ b. Feb. 9, 1811; d. July 19, 1854; m. Sarah Fenton Shanks in Kentucky.
- v. Jean,³ b. March 8, 1813; d. in Kentucky; m. 1st James Gilkerson; 2d Daniel Dickenson of Kentucky.
- vi. John,³ b. and bapt. March 6, 1815; d. July 3, 1897; m. Jennie Birch of Crab Orchard, Kentucky.
- vii. Lillias,³ b. June 9, 1817; m. Samuel A. Moore, q. v.
- viii. Isabel,³ b. May 22, 1819; m. Robert Nelson, q. v.
- ix. Margaret,³ b. May 20, 1821; m. Archibald Bachop, q. v.
- x. Walter,³ b. Feb. 6, 1824; d. Oct. 30, 1873; m. 1st, Dorcas Kincaid; 2d, her sister Harriet. Lived in Tennessee.
William G., b. Jan. 22, 1828. Went into partnership with his brother James in 1851, and after the latter's death in 1867, settled the estate. Res. in Wells River till death. He m. Oct. 11, 1854, Helen, dau. Ira White (b. 1830; d. Oct. 1903). He d. Jan. 16, 1906. Ch., Kate; m. F. L. Moore; d. June 14, 1895.

- 3 WILLIAM,² (Moses,¹) He m. Margaret Winning about 1798, who d. in Scotland; he came to Barnet, Nov. 4, 1835, bringing his grandson, Andrew

* Information by John Wallace, 1898. F. P. W.



ANDREW BUCHANAN.



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Wylie; he m. 2d about 1839, Nancy, dau. Campbell Symes, (b. July 20, 1791; d. Apr. 4, 1864). He was an elder in the Ref. Pres. ch. at So Ryegate from its formation till his death in 1856. He came to Ryegate ab. 1836.

Children all b. in Scotland:

- i. Moses,³ b. July 10, 1800; d. Bath, N. H., July 10, 1843.
 - ii. Margaret,³ b. 1802; d. March 4, 1853; m. David Bone, q. v.
 - iii. Lillias,³ b. Aug. 8, 1804; d. Aug. 27, 1880; m. Andrew Wylie of Newbury.
 - iv. Mary,³ b. 1806; d. March 9, 1883; m. William Nelson of Newbury.
 - v. Ann,³ b. 1819; d. Apr. 17, 1872; m. Archibald Leitch, q. v.
- 4 WALTER,³ (Walter,² Moses,¹) b. Ryegate, Dec. 1, 1811; lived on the homestead after his father's d. Went to Cal. and d. there, Dec. 22, 1875; he m. Jan. 19, 1837, Margaret, dau. James Lumsden, (b. Oct. 22, 1815; d. Jan. 28, 1886).

Children:

- i. Walter,⁴ b. Oct. 22, 1837; d. San Jose, Cal., July 12, 1874.
 - ii. Margaret,⁴ b. Nov. 25, 1839; m. C. B. Fisk, q. v.
 - 7 iii. Mary,⁴ b. Sept. 25, 1841.
 - 8 iv. David,⁴ b. Aug. 10, 1844, q. v.
 - 9 v. Martha,⁴ b. March 23, 1847; m.
 - vi. Agnes,⁴ b. Aug. 1, 1849; m. George N. Park, q. v.
 - 10 vii. Joseph,⁴ b. May 20, 1852.
 - 11 viii. James,⁴ b. Jan. 24, 1857.
- 5 JOHN,³ (Walter,² Moses,¹) b. Ryegate, Oct. 1, 1813; went to Boston about 1834; in meat bus. with Nelson Heath. Went to Groton, about 1840, clerk for Moses Buchanan then in trade with Mr. Whitehill. In Cal., 1850-52. Ret. to Groton and built the store and other buildings now occupied by L. S. Blanchard. In trade there till 1882, when he sold to Hill & Cochran. He m. Jan. 4, 1844, Sophia F. Clark, who d. Oct. 25, 1868, aged 45. He rem. to Wells River 1882, and d. June 20, 1895.

Children:

- i. Orange W.,⁴ b. Sept. 12, 1846; d. Apr. 26, 1894.
 - ii. Adela J.,⁴ b. June 17, 1856; m. Albert H. Bailey of Wells River. (See Newbury history).
- 6 ANDREW,³ (Walter,² Moses,¹) b. Oct. 5, 1830; common sch. education. Went to Cal., Oct. 1851; mining in Talumue Co. Ret. 1857; in trade in Groton, and with John Henderson at W. Barnet. He bought the home farm in 1862, which he sold to Andrew Gilfillan in 1867, then buying the farm on which he spent the rest of his life, which was part of his father's original farm. He m. 1st Oct. 25, 1860, Lydia Maria, dau. Daniel Roberts of Groton, (b. Feb. 1837; d. Nov. 1878). Member of the Ref. Pres. ch., W. Barnet, and in 1864 became member of the Ref. Pres. ch., So. Ryegate, in which he was elected a ruling elder in 1889. He m. 2d, 1884, Mrs. Jane Heath Welch, whose dau. Ida May, m. C. H. Grant in 1899, the latter purchasing the farm in 1907. Mr. B. d. Feb. 24, 1910.

Children:

- i. Daniel Roberts,⁴ b. Aug. 30, 1863; ed. Peacham Academy, grad. Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., 1885. In 1887, became Prof. of mathematics in Tulane High School, New Orleans, La., which position he held till the abolishment of the High School system. In banking and insurance, and now treasurer of the firm of Marshall J. Smith & Co., Marine Insurance, New Orleans. He m. June 22, 1892, Sadie Brandon, of Bayou Sara, La. Chil. (1) Lydia Emery,⁵ b. May 17, 1893. (2) Brandon,⁵ b. Sept. 14, 1895. (3) Anna,⁵ b. Oct. 21, 1897. (4) Mary, b. Dec. 26, 1898. (5) Belle, b. Dec. 1, 1901.

- ii. Pliny Walter,⁴ b. Sept. 17, 1870; ed. Peacham Acad. Member Ref. Pres. Ch., So. Ryegate, farmer with his father, till death. He m. in Concord, N. H., 1892, Mattie J. Leizer, (b. March 17, 1875). He d. Jan. 1, 1902. Chil. (1) Andrew Steven,⁵ b. Nov. 2, 1893; d. 1894. (2) Walter Roberts,⁵ b. Dec. 5, 1894. (3) Harold Clair,⁵ b. Apr. 1, 1897; d. April 21, 1906. (4) Infant,⁵ b. and d. Aug. 1898. (6) Anna E.⁵ b. Aug. 11, 1899. (6) Ida Arlene,⁵ b. Oct. 10, 1901.

MARY,⁴ (Walter,³ Walter,² Moses,¹) b. Sept. 25, 1842; m. George F. Cowdery (b. Newbury, Vt., Feb. 18, 1835), machinist and blacksmith, So. Newbury, then worked for Paul McKinstry, Newbury; now res. Bradford; she d. Bradford, Jan. 28, 1907.

Children:

- i. Bell Elmer,⁵ [Cowdery], b. Newbury, March 29, 1863; d. Bradford, March 18, 1869.
- ii. Agnes Anna,⁵ [Cowdery], b. Bradford, Sept. 1, 1864; became a compositor in the Opinion Office, Bradford, worked in several places; d. suddenly, Nov. 25, 1900, at St. Johnsbury while employed in the Caledonian office.
- iii. George Franklin,⁵ [Cowdery] b. Bradford, Sept. 9, 1868; d. March 9, 1882.

DAVID,⁴ (Walter,³ Walter,² Moses,¹) b. Aug. 10, 1844; went to Boston, April 9, 1864, and entered the employ of the Boston and Worcester R. R., which later became part of the Boston and Albany system rising to the position of baggage master between New York and Boston, and passenger conductor. On his retirement, July 31, 1878, he received letters of warm commendation from W. H. Wallace, Supt. of the Exp. Co., and from W. H. Barnes, Supt. of the B. & A. R. R. He was associated with Joseph E. Martin, a native of Wells River, who afterwards became Asst. Supt. of the N. Y., N. H., & H. R. R. Ret. to Ryegate, 1878, bought part of the W. J. Nelson farm, erecting the present buildings. He m. March 18, 1874, by Rev. John Bole, Martha C., dau. Wm. J. Nelson; grad. Randolph Normal School, teacher; member of Ref. Pres. Ch., So. Ryegate. Instantly killed at Wells River, Oct. 5, 1904 by being thrown from a carriage.

Children:

- i. Ida May,⁵ b. Boston, May 28, 1878; m. Wesson Sargent, q. v.
- ii. Walter,⁵ b. Sept. 9, 1885; d. inf.
- iii. Eva Nan,⁵ b. Apr. 27, 1887; m. May 24, 1909, Albert Achilles.
- iv. Ina Lou,⁵ b. Apr. 24, 1890. The latter has collected and prepared in an admirable manner, many records of the Buchanan family.

MARTHA,⁴ (Walter,³ Walter,² Moses,¹) b. Ryegate, March 23, 1844; lived with her aunt, Mrs. Ritchie. Weaver in cotton factory, 2 yrs., at Suncook, N. H.; m. Jan. 18, 1869 at Newbury, by Rev. H. N. Burton, Henry Ira Hotchkiss of Bradford, Vt., grain dealer (s. of Wm. and Betsey [Dow], b. Stratford, N. H.; served in the Civil war in the 38th Maine; mechanic and inventor, securing several valuable patents. He d. So. Ryegate, Dec. 5, 1890, bur. in new cemetery; his mother, a native of Corinth, is still living at Berlin Falls, N. H.) She res. Sherman, Cal.; Pres. W. R. C., at Soldier's Home, Sawtell, Cal.; joined in youth the Ref. Pres. (Covenant) church at Ryegate Corner.

Children:

1. Agnes Georgianna,⁵ [Hotchkiss] b. Berlin Falls, N. H., Aug. 17, 1870; assistant in P. O., So. Ryegate, 1885-92; m. Aug. 22, 1892, Henry Hancock Randall of Newbury. (In California some time, settling his uncle's estate; in 1889, he bought a large farm in Monroe, N. H.; rem. to Sherman, Cal., where he d. June 12, 1903.) She m. 2d, at Santa Barbara, Cal., Willis L. Leach [b. Salt Lake City, while his parents were en route to Cal., from Niagara Falls with an ox team. In bus. Los Angeles, Cal.] Children all by 1st marriage: (1) John Hancock,⁶

[Randall], b. Bradford, Vt., Dec. 2, 1893. (2) Reginald Henry,⁶ [Randall], b. Monroe, N. H., Oct. 6, 1898. (3) R. Retta,⁶ [Randall] b. Sherman, Cal., Jan. 7, 1902.

- ii. William Emerson,⁵ Hotchkiss, b. Rock Island, P. Q., Feb. 25, 1875; in Ryegate, 1881-92; in Montpelier, learned the hardware business with Barrows and Peck. In Cal. since 1904; in hardware business at Sherman, Cal., also engaged in Y. M. C. A. work for R. R. men and in Sunday School work connected with the Cong. ch. at that place; m. Theresa Cross. Ch. Esther Marie; b.

JOSEPH,⁴ (Walter,³ Walter,² Moses,¹) b. May 20, 1852; went to Rockford, Ill.; in real estate, loan and insurance bus. He m. by Rev. John Leichenberg at Utica, N. Y., June 16, 1885, Elizabeth Gebhard, (b. Boonville, Oneida Co., N. Y.)

Children:

- i. Leah Gebhard,⁵ b. Rockford, Oct. 29, 1887; grad. Rockford High School and College; stenographer and bookkeeper in an insurance office at R. m. Leslie Opie.
- ii. Dawn Loretta,⁵ b. Rockford, Nov. 8, 1890; grad. Rockford High School and college; stenographer and clerk for Metropolitan Life Ins. Co. at R.

JAMES,⁴ (Walter,³ Walter,² Moses,¹) b. Jan. 24, 1857; res. in So. R. till 1892, began work for the M. & W. R. R. R., 1889, at bridge work; rem. to Montpelier, Aug. 1892, and worked as a carpenter in the shop; ret. to So. R., Aug. 1896, and lived on the Wm. Wilson farm; in Nov. 1879, he bought the W. H. Page place at the Corner, where he d. June 10, 1905. The place was sold to Albert Achilles. He m. Apr. 27, 1887, Isabel, dau. M. R. Gray, (b. July 24, 1865; d. 1910).

Children:

- i. Emily Alice,⁵ b. R. Sept. 16, 1871; d. Montpelier, March 20, 1894.
- ii. Walter Gray, b. Montpelier, Oct. 5, 1873.
- iii. Arthur David, b. R. March 18; d. Aug. 14, 1876.
- iv. Byron Nelson, b. R. March 20, 1898.
- v. Marian Isabel, b. R. Apr. 16, 1900.

BURBANK.

(By Mr. Mason, without change).

HAZEN, b. Boscawen, N. H., 1777; came to Peacham, 1798, and m. Hannah Garland of Barnet in 1805; lived with her parents 10 yrs.; came to Ryegate and bought land on the Passumpsic turnpike of John Duncan, where both lived in 1860.

Children: Hannah, John and Garland who d. y. Sally, m. Nathaniel Carter; George, m. Caroline Merrill; Peter, went to sea; Rachel, m. James Huntington; Margaret, m. Moses Moore; Rufus, m. Abbie Drake; Annie, m. Harvey Bruce.

CALDWELL.*

JAMES,¹ b. Kilmalcolm, Scotland, about 1774; his father, who was a gardener, died when James was 16 yrs. old; he came to America and Ryegate in 1800; bought land of Josiah Darling the farm now owned by Alexander Renfrew, building the older part of that house; deacon in the Ass. Pres. ch. He m. March 8, 1803, Christian, dau. James Whitehill, who d. Apr. 6, 1819, and he m. 2d, 1822, Jean, dau. Wm. Craig, who after his death m. John Renfrew of Newbury. A much worn pocket Bible, brought from Scotland by James Caldwell is owned by his gr. son, J. R. Caldwell.

* By Mason, Miller, J. R. Caldwell, Mrs. John Gates and others.

Children:

- i. Jean,² b. March 3, 1804; m. Alexander,² Miller, q v.
- ii. Mary,² b. Oct. 2, 1806; d. July 9, 1836
- 1 iii. James,² b. Dec. 10, 1898.
- iv. John,² b. Dec. 27, 1810; m. 1st, Dec. 25, 1842, Jane Keenan. Chil. (1) Margaret,³ m. Fletcher Jones; 3 ch. (2) Martha Jane,³ d. un-m. (3) Nancy,³ d. un-m. (4) Matthew,³ m. Eliza Welch; 4 ch. John m. 2d, Mrs. Eliza Noyes, dau. Alexander Holmes (b. Ryegate, Sept. 17, 1808; d. Groton, Oct. 15, 1889)
- 2 v. William,² b. Jan. 21, 1813
- vi. Christian,² b. Feb. 6, 1815; m. John Orr, q v.
- vii. Agnes,² b. March 29, 1817; m. James Holmes, q. v.
- viii. Elizabeth,² b. Apr. 6, 1819; d. May 27, 1843.

By 2d marriage:

- 3 ix. Archibald,² b. March 7, 1823.

- 1 JAMES,² (James,¹) b. Dec. 10, 1808; settled about 1833, in Topsham, on the farm now owned by his son, James R. He was a well read man of excellent judgment, and was often called upon to decide matters for persons who had disagreed. He m. 1st, March 14, 1835, Jean, dau. James Craig (b. Jan. 17, 1809; d. Feb. 21, 1838); 2d, Jan. 7, 1841, Nancy, dau. Joseph Chamberlin (b. Newbury, Jan. 7, 1813; d. Apr. 28, 1904). Members of Ref. Pres. ch. Topsham. He d. Aug. 16, 1863.

Children all b. Topsham:

- i. Mary,³ b. Jan. 9, 1836; m. Feb. 23, 1860, Gustavus Tebbetts from Maine, now a prosperous farmer at Neponset. Ill. Chil. Henry, Jennie, Ida, Minnie, Anna. She d. May 17, 1911.

By 2d marriage:

- 4 ii. Joseph,³ b. Dec. 3, 1842.
- iii. Eliza³ b. March 20, 1845, m. James Lang, q v.
- 5 iv. James R.,³ b. Sept. 3, 1846.
- v. Martin C.,³ b. Apr. 22, 1848; Barre Acad., attended Dartmouth Med. Col., but grad. Rush's Med. Col., Chicago; he d. while in practice at Hershaw, Ill., Nov. 20, 1884; he m. Susan Ricker of Chicago. Ch. Hattie Nancy; res. Los Angeles, Cal.
- vi. John Preston,³ b. June 6, 1852; d. Sept. 30, 1858.
- vii. Eber,³ b. Dec. 12, 1853; d. Nov. 9, 1876.
- 2 William,² (James,¹) b. Jan. 21, 1813; farmer, his father gave him the farm lately owned by Charles Adams. He was m. Jan. 13, 1842, by Rev. Wm. Pringle, to Margaret, dau. Wm. Orr (b. Nov. 10, 1817; d. May 18, 1882), she d. Apr. 8, 1892.

Children:

- i. Jane,³ b. Sept. 28, 1842; went to California by sea in 1862, and m. there John Calvin Dickson, q v.
- ii. William James,³ b. June 27, 1847; m. Jan. 24, 1884, Lizzie, dau. Thos. McKinley. He was a fine musician. One son, Clarence, also a musician. Res. West Barnet
- iii. Sarah Ann,³ b. Feb. 20, 1850; m. Wm. A. Roy of Barnet; went to Cal., lived there 30 years, and ret. to Ryegate.
- iv. Margaret Maria³ b. Apr. 28, 1852; m. John Gates, q. v.
- v. Julia Etta,³ b. June 25, 1855; m. Charles L. Adams, q v.
- vi. Henry,³ b. June 23, 1857, res. Ryegate.
- 3 ARCHIBALD,² (James,¹) b. March 7, 1823; lived where Alex. Renfrew does; m. April 23, 1846, Eliza Jane, dau. Moses Gates (b. Dec. 16, 1829; m. Miller). They went to Ill.; then to Iowa, in 1864, and are dead.

Children:

- i. Roxanna,³ b. April 29, 1848; m. March 7, 1872, Charles Aldrich; rem. to Page Co., Iowa; she d.
- ii. Alice,³ b. Aug. 6, 1853; m. June 6, 1871, Dr. Edward Henderson; rem. to Union Co., Iowa; res. in Cal.
- iii. Eunice,³ b. Oct. 24, 1857; d. un-m.

JOSEPH CHAMBERLIN,³ (James,² James,¹) b. Dec. 3, 1842; physician, educated at Bowdoin College, studied surgery in Portland, in practice Buckfield, Me., 1870 till death; he was devoted to his profession, had a very extensive practice, covering a wide region, requiring arduous toil. Member several years of U. S. board of pension examiners. He fell dead while attending a patient, June 20, 1910. Dr. C. m. 1st, Dec. 29, 1870, Elizabeth P. Stanwood of Brunswick, Me., who d. June 5, 1888; 2d, 1895, Hattie C. Wyman of Hartford, Me.

Children all by 1st marriage:

- i. Josie,⁴ b. March 6, 1872; m. Sept. 30, 1896, Alfred C. Cole; res. Buckfield, Me.
 - ii. Bessie,⁴ b. Dec. 9, 1877; m. Dec. 13, 1902, Charles P. Buck; res. Traverse City, Mich.
 - iii. Wilber C.,⁴ b. June 5, 1888; res. Buckfield, Me.
- 5 JAMES RENWICK,³ (James,² James,¹) b. Sept. 3, 1845; farmer on homestead in Topsham; town representative—1898-99; has been chairman of selectmen 7 yrs. and held other town offices; elder in Pres. ch.; he m. 1st Jan. 15, 1878, Topsham, Ella, dau. David Vance, who d. July 15, 1893; 2d, Nov. 14, 1890, Martha M. Jones, who d. Oct. 2, 1903.

Children:

- i. Rosamond N.,⁴ b. Nov. 25, 1878; m. Wm. E. Frost, farmer in Topsham. Chil. (1) Ralph E. (2) Joseph Roy. (3) Birney. (4) Frederick. (5) Renwick James. (6) Leslie.
- i. Nathan R.,⁷ b. March 5, 1882; grad. Peacham Acad. 1903; now in Medical College at Burlington.
- iii. Joseph C.,⁴ b. March 14, 1885.

CAMERON.

JOHN, son of Donald, was b. on the river Spey, in the Highlands of Scotland in 1761. Came to America about 1780 in a vessel owned, says Mr. Mason, by a Mr. Willie, who was brother-in-law of Gen. John Stark, and through him Mr. Cameron became acquainted with Gen. Stark's daughter, Elizabeth, whom he m. Nov. 3, 1794 (Town rec.) He bought of John C. Jones of Boston, the tract mentioned on p. 53, containing 781¾ acres for \$1562, which was conveyed June 14, 1793.* Part of this he cleared, but never lived on it. In 1797 he exchanged 200 acres of this for three lots in the center of the town,† where he built a house, and opened the first store in town, in which he conducted a large business for many years. He was one of the most prominent men in the county, and widely known. In politics a Democrat, he was town representative many years, Councillor 1810-11, Assistant Judge and Chief Judge of Caledonia County Court. Judge Cameron was a man of large mental endowment, a ready speaker, and as far as we can judge, not only well read, but had all his information at the service of his memory, so that he could, at any time, speak on any question in a way to hold the attention of his auditors. At one time he was wealthy, but met with reverses, and became poor. He was an ardent admirer of Jefferson and once vowed that his next child should be called Thomas Jefferson. It proved to be a daughter, but he kept his word, and she was called "Jeffie," all her life. Many anecdotes were current about him in earlier years. In religious views he was a Free Thinker. His house is now that of Wm. Thompson, where he d. March 4, 1837; bur. at the Corner. In proportion to their number the descendants of John Cameron include a larger number of professional men than those of any other man who ever lived in Ryegate with the exception of Rev. James Milligan. He m. 1st, Nov. 3, 1794, Elizabeth, dau. Gen. John and Elizabeth (Page) Stark (b. Aug. 10, 1771; d. May 13, 1813); 2d, Feb. 28, 1814, Persis Whittaker, whose mother, Mr. Miller says, was a niece of Gen. Stark.

* Town Rec. Vol. II, p. 163. † Vol. II, p. 260-262.

Children all b. in R., dates of birth from town records.

- i. Archibald,² b. Aug. 18, 1795; d. Aug. 13, 1798.
- ii. Elizabeth,² b. March 28, 1797; d. Aug. 27, 1798.
- *iii. Archibald,² b. Jan. 5, 1799; d. Nov. 5, 1830.
- 1 iv. John,² b. Sept. 28, 1800.
- v. Elizabeth,² b. July 2, 1802; m. Alexander Harvey, q. v.
- 2 vi. Thomas Jefferson,² b. March 13, 1804.
- vii. Benjamin F.,² b. Aug. 17, 1807; d. Oct. 14, 1814.
- viii. Donald,² b. Oct. 15, 1809; d. Sept. 12, 1813.
- ix. Uz,² b. 1811; m. Susan Farrington; no rec.
- x. Effie,² b. July 24, 1813; m. Wm. Strowbridge, clerk to Alexander Harvey, d. Louisville, Ky.

By 2d marriage:

- xi. Donald,² b. Sept. 30, 1814; teacher; went to California; no record.
- xii. Jemima,² b. May 8, 1816; m. Foxwell Evans.
- xiii. Keziah,² b. Nov. 25, 1817; dressmaker at Lowell, Mass., and late in life m. Prof. Emerson of Dartmouth College and outlived him.
- xiv. Karen-happuch,² b. 1821; m. ——— Southey.
- xv. Ann,² b. Dec. 28, 1822; m. Enoch Harvey, q. v.
- xvi. Nathan,² b. 1825; d. March, 1837.

- 1 JOHN,² * (John,¹) b. Sept. 28, 1800; came to maturity during the years of his father's reverses; engaged in business with great energy; farmer and drover, accumulated large holdings of land; colonel in the militia, and town rep. 1846, 1861; gave his chil. a good education and a financial start in life; he m. 1st, Dec. 19, 1833, Jane, dau. Wm. Gray, (b. March 27, 1814; d. Apr. 6, 1860); 2d Martha (Dole) wid. of David Nelson; ret. from bus. and rem. to McIndoes Falls, where he d. May 17, 1875.

Children all b. in Ryegate,

- i. William,³ b. 1835; d. Audubon, Iowa, 1890; no ch.
- ii. Elizabeth,³ b. 1837; m. Capt. Frank Williams; res. San Francisco; no chil.
- iii. Isabel R.,³ b. 1839; d. Marysville, Cal.
- 3 iv. John S.,³ b. March 28, 1841.
- 2 THOMAS JEFFERSON,² called "Jeffie," dau. Judge John Cameron; b. March 13, 1804; m. Jan. 5, 1824, Col. Jacob Blanchard of Peacham (b. Oct. 7, 1789; d. May 7, 1870). She d. Feb. 8, 1844.

Children all b. in Peacham.

- i. Mary,³ [Blanchard] b. Oct. 23, 1824; d. Dec. 27, 1841.
- ii. John,³ [Blanchard] b. Nov. 1; d. Nov. 12, 1826.
- iii. John Cameron,³ [Blanchard] b. Aug. 18, 1827. Served in the army in the civil war; he m. Oct. 28, 1858, Abbie M. Staples of Wells, Maine; res. Peacham; 11 ch. of whom a son is a dentist at White River Junction. A dau. Mary Elizabeth, m. Dec. 20, 1892, Renwick Wilson of Peacham. She owns part of Molly Stark's wedding dress. Two sons grad. Dartmouth College.
- iv. Enoch,³ [Blanchard] b. July 4, 1830; grad. Dartmouth Coll. 1855, Dartmouth Med. Coll. 1857; surgeon of the 7th Vt. in the Civil war; he m. Susan, dau. Dr. Ralph Bugbee of Waterford; in practice at Minonk, Ill., where he d. March 11, 1887. 2 ch. Jennette and Irene.
- v. Elizabeth Stark,³ [Blanchard] b. Aug. 18, 1832; d. Nov. 20, 1845.
- vi. Nathaniel,³ [Blanchard] b. March 13, 1835; served 3½ yrs. in the Civil war, in the 13th and 27th Ill.; d. at Osceola, Ill., Nov. 24, 1864.
- vii. Jean. Gray,³ [Blanchard] b. July 11, 1836, d. Feb. 11, 1842.
- viii. Flora Merrill,³ [Blanchard], b. Aug. 2, 1840; m. Oct. 2, 1871; Jacob Trussell who served in Co. D, 1st Vt. Cav. in Civil war; lawyer; town rep. 1884; she d. Aug. 16, 1886. 2 ch.

* By John C. Cameron

- 3 JOHN STARK,³ (John,² John,¹) b. R. March 28, 1841; educated in common schools and Newbury Seminary; grad. Dartmouth College (Chandler Scientific Department) 1863. Served in 1862, 4 mos. in the "Dartmouth Cavalry," (7th Squadron, R. I. Cavalry) mainly on picket and scouting duty in Va., in the civil war; entered the engineer corp of the Boston, Hartford & Erie R. R., locating the road through Dutchess Co., N. Y. In 1865, went to Burlington, Iowa, in service of the present C. B. & Q. R. R., as locating and constructing engineer. In 1867, appointed chief engineer of Burlington & Cedar Rapids R. R., and completed the construction of the road. Engaged in building, financing and operating different railroads till 1901, when as president and principal owner of the Salt Lake Rapid Transit R. R., he sold that property, and retired from active business; res. New York City. He m. Jan. 4, 1876, Sarah M. Palmer of Burlington, Iowa.

Children:

- i. John Stark,⁴ b. Burlington, Iowa, Dec. 9, 1876; ed. at St. Johnsbury Academy, grad. Yale Univ. 1899; now banker in Oklahoma.
- ii. Donald P.,⁴ b. Burlington, Iowa, March 6, 1878; ed. at St. Johnsbury Academy, grad. Yale Univ. (Sheffield Scientific School) 1899. In lumber business, Oregon.
- iii. Sarah P.,⁴ b. Denver, Colorado, Jan. 14, 1881; ed. St. Johnsbury Acad., Andover, Mass., and Boston.

CANFIELD.

REV. CHARLES KEELER, b. Stevensville, Pa., March, 16, 1843; served three yrs. in the Union army in the 141st Pa. Vols. Twice wounded at the battle of Chancellorsville; entered Lafayette Coll. and grad. 1870; Union Theo. Sem. 1873; ordained Nov. 1873; pastor Pres. ch. Bowman's Creek, Pa., 1873-'77; pastor at Orangeville, Pa., and principal of Orangeville Acad., 1877-'88; pastor 1st Pres. ch., So. Ryegate, 1888, till death, March 1, 1891; town representative, 1890; bur. So. Ryegate; Mrs. Canfield res. at York, Pa.

CARBEE.

JOEL,¹ from Dedham, Mass., a revolutionary soldier, settled in Newbury where Charles Anderson lives, before 1779; he d. Feb. 19, 1834; seven chil., all but one settling in Bath.

JOEL,² b. April 24, 1795; settled in the Whitelaw neighborhood in R., and m. Aug. 24, 1823, Dorcas, dau. Hugh Johnson (b. Feb. 23, 1806; d. Jan. 23, 1874).

Children all b. in the house where Willard White now lives:

- i. Lois,³ b. Nov. 22, 1824; m. George White, q. v.
- ii. Jane,³ b. Sept. 22, 1826; d. June 15, 1833.
- iii. Sarah,³ b. Dec. 14, 1828; m. David S. Simonds, who d. in Greenfield, Mass.
- 1 iv. Joel,³ b. July 19, 1831.
- v. Mary A.,³ b. April 8, 1833; m. Nov. 15, 1866, as 3d w. Charles H. Bailey, who d. in R.
- vi. Jane,³ b. Jan. 14, 1836; m. L. W. Jay of Pittsfield, N. H.; d. at Hooksett, N. H., May 22, 1906.
- vii. George,³ b. Sept. 22, 1838; d. y.
- viii. John F.,³ b. Aug. 7, 1840; served in the civil war enlisting at St. Johnsbury, in Co. K., 15th Vt.; he m. Elizabeth Marshall of Wells River; res. Greenfield, Mass., where she d. May 1906.
- ix. Henry C.,³ b. Oct. 13, 1842; served in the civil war in 2d Vt. Battery; he m. Martha A. Fuller; res. Hooksett, N. H.
- x. Francena M.,³ b. April 17, 1848; m. Harvey S. Powers, q. v.

JOEL,² (Joel,²) (Joel,¹) b. July 17, 1831; m. in Boston, Mass., Apr. 3, 1858, Maria, dau. Daniel Meader; res. in Ryegate, but d. in Hooksett, N. H., June 4, 1899; bur. in R. She d. Bedford, N. H., July 22, 1892; bur. in R.

Children:

- i. Charles C.,⁴ b. Boston, April 3, 1858; res. Ryegate.
- ii. Isabel R.,⁴ b. Ryegate, Jan. 12, 1860; m. James Reid from Granville, Vt.
- iii. Ella G., b. Boston, March 31, 1863; m. Charles Crosby of New York State.
- iv. Everest L.,⁴ b. Ryegate, Sept. 28, 1865; m. Aug. 13, 1901, Julia Titus Cochrane, whose people came from Aberdeen, Scotland, about 1849; he bought in May, 1873, of Samuel Hancock, the John Reid farm in Newbury, and moved there. 1 ch. Theron Olin, b. Newbury, May 28, 1902.
- v. Lutheria C., b. Ryegate, March 13, 1860; d. March 23, 1871.

CARPENTER.

LAFAYETTE, son of Lafayette and Hannah (Glover) Carpenter, one of 12 chil., b. Corinth, Vt., Sept. 17, 1835; enlisted Sept. 15, 1862, Co. D, 15th Vt., for 9 mos., but served 10 mos. 21d.; dis. Aug. 5, 1863; came to Ryegate and bought the John Smith farm, now owned by George Dunnett. He m. Dec. 15, 1874, Jane, dau. Andrew Dunnett, q. v. (b. Peacham, Dec. 21, 1848); he d. Dec. 28, 1903; she res. in Ryegate.

Children all b. in Ryegate:

- i. Christie A., b. Nov. 12, 1875; d. Sept. 25, 1882.
- ii. Clara B., b. May 5, 1877; d. Jan. 13, 1878.
- iii. Leola M., b. Nov. 9, 1878; m. James Craigie, q. v.
- iv. Nettie M., b. Nov. 22, 1880; m. Sept. 2, 1903, George R. Beaton.
- v. John Dunnett, b. Oct. 8, 1882. Enlisted for the Spanish war, Sept. 23, 1899, not quite 17; left home for So. Framingham, Mass., Sept. 25, and for San Francisco, Oct. 13; at Camp Presidio till Nov. 14th, when they sailed for Manila, arriving there Dec. 14, serving in the battle of Montaban; in scout duty, taking prisoners and aided in making a map of the country; changed to police force, June 7, 1900; taken sick and d. Nov. 13, 1900; bur. at So. Ryegate.

CLARK.

SAMUEL WARD, son of Samuel and Luseba (Ward), b. Royalston, Mass., Sept. 1, 1823; com. sch. education, was always a reader and student; left home and was watchman 8 yrs. for the Smith & Dove Co., Andover, Mass. Sailed from Boston for Calif. Nov. 22, 1850, sighting Cape Horn, Jan. 24th, were 10 days rounding the Cape, made their first stop of 7 days at Valpariso, reaching San Francisco, Apr. 3, 1851, a voyage of 130 days; worked successfully about two yrs. returning via Panama, crossing the isthmus on the back of a donkey. In the fall of 1853, he bought the Alex. Dow farm in Dist. No. 3, on which he lived about 47 yrs. (That farm house was built 1845 or '46 by Alex. Dow; to this house two brides have been brought, and four have gone from it; in it eight children have been born, but there has never been a death or a funeral in it.) He m. May 2, 1854, by Rev. J. M. Beattie, Margaret, dau. Walter and Mary (Johnston) Buchanan (b. March 31, 1826; emp. in cotton mill at Lowell, Mass., 1842-'54, still living). Sold his farm, 1901, to Thomas Merrin, and lived at Groton with his dau. Mrs. Weld, till his sudden death, in his usual health, Jan. 26, 1909. Ad. to Ref. Pres. ch. June 18, 1858; ordained ruling elder, Nov. 10, 1872, holding that office till death. "A man of strong characteristics, a worthy man."

Children all b. in Ryegate:

- i. Luseba Jane, b. Sept. 5, 1855; m. by Rev. J. M. Beattie, Oct. 2, 1879, John C. Hood (b. Topsham, March 29, 1854), res. Arlington, Mass. Ch. Samuel Clark, b. Topsham, July 9, 1880; m. Oct. 6, 1905, Nellie E. Parmenter of Montpelier; 3 ch.; res. in Florida.
- ii. Maryette Sophia, b. Aug. 5, 1857; m. June 4, 1884, by Rev. C. H. Farnsworth, James Willson Eastman of Newbury. Ch. (1) Isaac Walter, b. Apr. 12, 1885; res. Shellbrook, Saskatchewan, Can. (2) Margaret Etta, b. Nov. 10, 1887. (3) James Willson, b. Aug. 22, 1893. (4) son, Inf. b. March 6; d. March 18, 1896.
- iii. Mertie Marie, b. Oct. 27, 1862; m. by Rev. D. C. Faris, Jan. 26, 1893, Fuller M. Weld of Groton. Ch. (1) Ruth Marie, b. Dec. 16, 1893; d. Sept. 10, 1895. (2) Gladys Irene, b. March 12, 1897.
- iv. Margaret Esther, b. March 16, 1869; res. Waverly, Mass.

CHAMBERLIN.

RICHARD,¹ in the 4th generation from Richard of England and Braintree Mass., soldier in the Indian wars, came to Newbury, 1762. He m. Abigail, dau. Remembrance Wright, and gr. dau. of Capt. Benjamin Wright, whose diary is given in Chap. I. He d. 1784. 13 chil. He has had many descendants in Ryegate.

ER,² (Richard,¹) b. Northfield, Mass., June 24, 1744; came to Newbury with parents. Served in the rev. war in local service. About 1770 he became the 1st settler at Wells River, where he built a sawmill and a grist mill, his house standing about where Franklin Deming's now does. According to Mason he came to Ryegate about 1806 having bought land of Josiah Marsh in the Whitelaw neighborhood, on which there was some cleared land, a log house and an orchard. He m. 1st, Fowler, 2d, Mary Wright of Northfield, Mass. He d. in 1831, and his wife Oct. 8, 1823, aged 61; bur. in the Whitelaw cemetery.

Children, not in regular order:

Nicholas,³ m. March 15, 1792, Widow Sarah Gates; no record of family.

Rodolphus,³ m. Abigail Gowing; lived in Newbury, Ryegate and Bath.

Eri,³ m. Betsey Slye.

Hardy,³ b. Newbury, March 23, 1777; m. Lucretia Clark; kept the toll bridge at Wells River many years, and his daughters after him; he d. May 26, 1850.

Sarah,³ m. Titus; 2d, Moulton; has descendants in Lisbon, N. H.

Stephen,³ m. Prudence Poor.

Dudley,³ m. Hannah ; lived in R. The births of two chl. are recorded: Lucinda, b. Nov. 15, 1809; Abigail, b. Dec. 15, 1811.

By 2d marriage:

Fanny,³ m. James F. Drake.

Electa,³ m. Sept. 30, 1813, by Robert Whitelaw, Daniel Miles.

Sophila,³ never m.

Elsie,³ m. Peter Gilchrist; lived where James Guthrie does; has a son John in Newbury.

1 Reuben,³

Anna.³

Mr. Miller says there were 18 children.

1 **REUBEN**,³ (Er,² Richard,¹) b. Newbury, about 1792; lived in Ryegate and Barnet; d. in R. about 1883; he m. Martha Sanborn of Lyman, who d. 1865, aged ab. 69.

Children:

i. d. in infancy.

ii. Maria,⁴ m. 1st. ab. 1862, Chauncey Alden of Barnet; lived in Ryegate; 2d, Robert Dick of Bath; no ch.

- 2 iii. Eri G.,⁴ b. March 16, 1825.
- 3 iv. Solomon. b. April 25, 1827.
- v. John, d. y.
- vi. James, went to Cal., ret ; m. Emily B. Parker of Lowell, Vt.; lived at McIndoes a year or more, when they went to Cal. where 4 ch. were b. He d. there and she ret. to Vt., with her family.
- vii. Phebe, d. when 20 or more.
- 4 viii. Reuben, b. Sept. 4, 1836.
- ix. Mary, m. George S. Trask, q. v.
- 2 ERI GOING,⁴ (Reuben,³ Er,² Richard¹) b. March 16, 1825; farmer in Ryegate; m. Nov. 12, 1850, Eliza J., dau. Welbe Butterfield of Topsham; he d. June 30, 1898.

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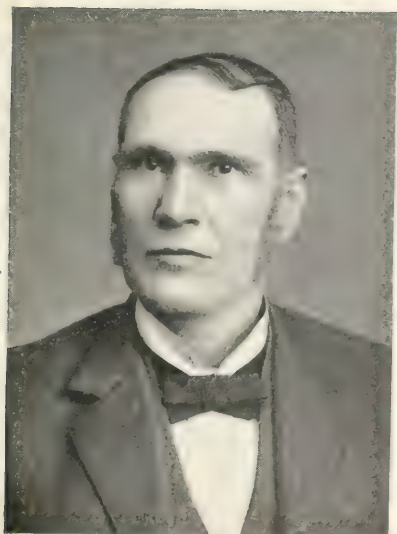
- i. Laura Jane,⁵ b. Nov. 22, 1851; m. July 25, 1872, M. Carleton Rodgers; res. McIndoes, Vt.; one son, Bradley Carleton,⁶ [Rodgers], b. April 14, 1874; grad. Dartmouth Coll., teacher in Wayland, Mass., High School. He m. July 15, 1900, Grace Ladd Aiken; ch. Laura Jean,⁷ b. March 24, 1906.
- ii. Frances Lorinda,⁵ b. June 28, 1854; m. Jan. 29, 1872, Abbott Clarence Collins, who d. 1902; one dau. Ruth, who d. at birth. She m. 2d, Aug. 2, 1905, Frederick John Lyon: res. McIndoes, Vt.
- iii. Henry Welbe,⁵ b. July 2, 1856; m. Dec. 6, 1888, Lizzie Williams; he d. May 13, 1900. Ch. Henry W.,⁶ student in Washington Univ., Seattle, Wash.
- 4 REUBEN,⁴ (Reuben,³ Er,² Richard,¹) b. Barnet, Sept. 4, 1836; went to Cal. ab. 1855; ret. to Ryegate, 1890; farmer. He m. in Reno, Nevada, 1874, by Rev. J. H. Poor, Frances A. Robinson, (b. Manchester, Eng., March 10, 1857).

Children:

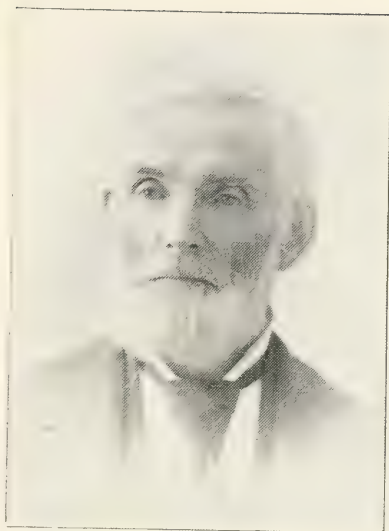
- i. George Reuben,⁵ b. Long Valley, Lassen Co., Cal., May 30, 1875; m. Hattie McDonald Chil. (1) Moverette Frances⁶ Riverdale, N. H., July 5, (2) Myrtie Lucinda,⁶ b. Riverdale, N. H., (3) Herman George,⁶ b. Peacham, Vt., July 18, 1905. (4) Ervin James,⁶ b. Peacham, Dec. 18, 1906.
- ii. Mae Josephine,⁵ b. Truckee, Cal., Dec. 13, 1876.
- iii. Fred Hines,⁵ b. Long Valley, Sept. 29, 1878.
- iv. Dora Belle,⁵ b. Long Valley, June 9, 1880.
- v. Charles Ellis,⁵ b. Long Valley, Nov. 28, 1882; m. Irena McLaren.
- vi. Lottie Pearl⁵ b. Loyalton, Sierra Co., Cal., Dec. 13, 1884; m. Elmer W. Chamberlin, q. v.
- vii. Clarence Elmer,⁵ b. Honey Lake Valley, Lassen Co., Cal., May 7, 1886; m. Hazel Welch.
- viii. Ira J.,⁵ b. Honey Lake, Feb. 26, 1888; m. Eva Belle Wallace. Ch. Edith Frances, b. Nov. 24, 1910.
- ix. Lewis Winfield,⁵ b. Ryegate, June 23, 1890.
- x. Harry Bradley,⁵ b. Ryegate, Dec. 14, 1891.
- xi. Cora Frances,⁵ b. Ryegate, Aug. 11, 1893.
- xii. Harley John Lee,⁵ b. McIndoes, March 22, 1897.
- 3 SOLOMON,⁴ (Reuben,³ Eri,² Richard,¹) b. Ryegate, April 25, 1827. Went to Cal. in 1850, was there two years; bought in 1856 the farm of Wm. Pollard, where he spent his life; built the present house 1879; the large barn, built 1872, was burned by lightning and rebuilt; town rep. 1892; selectman four years. He m. Nov. 20, 1856, by Rev. Archibald Renfrew, Martha, dau. Wm. McColl; members of Cong. ch. at McIndoes; he d. Oct. 8, 1906; bur. at McIndoes.

Children:

- i. Lizzie Evelyn,⁵ b. Dec. 3, 1857; m. April 1891, Rev. Wm. Perley White, (b. W. Peabody, Mass., Sept. 17, 1851); worked in shoe shops at Lynn, till he was converted, when he entered the Methodist ministry;



S. CHAMBERLIN.



THOS. G. BEATTIE.



BENJ. MANCHESTER.



LUTHER MANCHESTER.

was a member of the N. H. Conference, had several charges, among them Haverhill, N. H. He m. 1st. Jennie Ward of Andover, Mass. 4 ch.—2 living. By 2d m. Alice,⁶ and Howard.⁶ He d. Moultonboro, N. H., Sept. 19, 1909.

- ii. Frank Herbert,⁵ b. Aug. 2, 1859; d. in Calif., Dec. 28, 1902.
 - iii. Elmer W.,⁵ b. June 15, 1862; went to Iowa, 1883, and m. there Bessie Mabel Lewis. Ch. (1) d. in inf. (2) Freda Beatrice,⁶ d. at 7 mos. (3) Mabel Bessie,⁶ b. Feb. 19, 1898; her mother d. when she was a few days old, and she lives with her grandmother. He m. 2d, Lottie Pearl,⁵ dau. Reuben Chamberlin. Chil. (4) Robert Elmer,⁶ b. Sept. 28, 1905; (5) Wilmot McColl,⁶ b. Jan. 28, 1907. (6) Percy Alexander,⁶ b. April 10, 1908. (7) Theda Pearl,⁶ b. Feb. 1, 1911.
 - iv. Merton Harris,⁵ b. July 4, 1868; d. Dec. 7, 1889 of La Grippe, one of the 1st cases in R.
 - v. Horace F.,⁵ b. Aug. 17, 1870; farmer on homestead; m. June 5, 1897, Mabel Louise, dau. Wm. and Louisa [Clark] Folsom of Hardwick, Vt. Ch. (1) d. in inf. (2) Dale Solomon,⁶ b. July 18, 1904. (3) Scott Folsom,⁶ b. Feb. 17, 1906. (4) Perley Horace, b. Sept. 22, 1908.
- ALVIN,⁴ (Tural T.,³ Benjamin,² Richard,¹) b. 1818; m. 1st, Sarah, dau. James,² Hall (b. Aug. 30, 1818; d. March 31, 1860); 2d, Jan. 16, 1863, Louisa, dau. Chas. Webb of Newbury, by whom he had several chil.; farmer in Whitelaw neighborhood; he d.

Chil. by 1st. m. b. in Ryegate:

- i. James A.,⁵ served in the 4th Vt., in the Civil War.
- ii. Albert.⁵
- iii. Alden,⁵ served in the Union army in the Civil War. and d. of wounds.
- iv. Carlos,⁵ b. July 17, 1852; enlisted in the U. S. Cavalry, Nov. 3, 1875, in Boston; stationed at Fort Cheyenne; was in three battles with the Indians, and several skirmishes; pro. Orderly Sergeant; dis. Nov. 3, 1880; d. Ryegate, Sept. 23, 1883.

CLOUGH.

SAMUEL,¹ b. England; came to Dracut, Mass.; m. Rebecca Hibbard; came to Newbury; had several chil. of whom were Samuel, Asa, and Dorcas who m. Jan. 17, 1811, Warren Evans of Newbury; in Whitelaw's map of the Boston and Montreal turnpike, 1807, his house at Wells River is indicated as standing where that of the late Col. Erastus Baldwin now stands.

SAMUEL,² (Samuel,¹) b. in Mass., came to Newbury with parents, and to Ryegate ab. 1807, when he bought land of Jonathan Gates, where his son John D., lived after him. He m. Dec. 18, 1806. Ruth, dau. John Slye; d. ab. 1828, and bur. in the Whitelaw cem.; she d. ab. 1860, with her son Bailey, in Eaton. C. E. and bur. there.

Children:

- i. Bayley,³ b. March 6, 1807; m. Phebe Williams; rem. to Canada.
- ii. Maria,³ b. March 2, 1808; m. Solomon Sherburn.
- iii. Susan,³ b. Oct. 24, 1810; m. Albert Philbrick of Claremont, N. H.
- 1 iv. John Slye,³ b. Jan. 20, 1812.

The above from town rec. Mr. Mason has in addition:

Albert,³ m. Charlotte Olmstead.
 Lucy,³ m. Joseph D. Godfrey; both d. 1860.
 Amelia,³ who m. Edwin Grose.
 David,³ and Jane,³ who d. at 13.

ASA,² (Samuel,¹) b. Draeut Mass. Oct. 8, 1787; came to Newbury with parents, and to R. while a young man; farmer and carpenter, building several houses; lived on the road turning n. e. near A. M. Whitelaw's next the Slye farm. He was a drummer in the old militia, and one of the drum corps which escorted Josiah Burnham from Haverhill jail to

the gallows, Aug. 12, 1806. By his 1st m. he had 3 sons, Samuel, Charles and Edward, and 2 dau's, one named Rebecca, all of whom went to Wis. He m. 2d in Ryegate, Anna, dau. Samuel and Rhoda Stevens of Barnet.

Children:

- i. Eliza McLaren,⁴ b. Oct. 21, 1829; m. Charles W. Savage, q.v.
 - ii. Charlotte,⁴ b. June 20, 1832; educated Newbury Seminary; went to Wisconsin as a teacher in 1864, at Waneka and Eau Claire; went south and was connected with the Freedman's Aid bureau till after the war. She m. 1867, at Bellefontaine, Wis., Henry F. Langdell of Amy. 5 chil. She was prominent in church and temperance work; d. Feb. 4, 1909.
- 1 JOHN SLYE,³ (Samuel,² Samuel,¹) b. Jan 20, 1812; farmer on homestead; he m. 1st 1843. Mary C. Nott, (b. Montreal, came to Bradford; she d. Jan. 16, 1860). 2nd, Nov. 1, 1865, Polly (Stevens). Chil. by 1st m., Ellen Jane,⁴ b. Oct. 23, 1845, m. ——— lived and d. in Hartford, Ct.

COBURN.

JONATHAN, b. Winchester, N. H., 1785; came to Lyndon with his parents when 5 years old; m. in 1806, Rhoda, dau Samuel Stevens; came to Ryegate, 1808 and bought the farm south of Coburn Pond where he d. Jan. 3, 1860; she d. March 19, 1862; bur. at Ryegate Corner. He was for many years an elder and prominent member of the Ref. Pres. ch. at the Corner and was considered a most worthy man.

"His death the church sustained a great loss, where as an elder he was an active, zealous, and faithful office bearer for forty years, a peacemaker, and a man of comprehensive benevolence"

REV. J. M. BEATTIE, in Miss Hemenway's Gaz.

JONATHAN¹ None of his descendants reside in this vicinity.

Children:

- i. Rhoda, b. Jan. 14, 1813; m. Jan. 23, 1828, Wm. B. Page
- ii. Mary, b. Aug. 22, 1818; m. Dec. 31, 1840, Samuel A. Newton of Waterford
- iii. Agnes Eliza, b. July 20, 1822; m. John F. Beattie, Montgomery, N. Y., bro. of Rev. J. M. Beattie.
- iv. Lydia Margaret.

COCHRAN.

"This family is one of great antiquity in Scotland having possessed its lands in Renfrewshire above five hundred years. The name is traced back to the reign of Alexander III (1263-1296). In 1367 William Cochran obtained from Robert II a charter of the barony of Cochran, which is still the seat of the family, and the old manor house is still [1782] partly standing. The house and barony of Cochran are opposite to the village of Johnston, upon the south side of the river." Description of the Shire of Renfrew by Crawford and Semple, Paisley, 1782, pp. 251-255.

This work elsewhere says that several branches of the family lived in that vicinity, where Alexander,¹ who came to Ryegate in 1802, was born in 1776. He bought Lot No. 7, in Range No. 6, North Division, of William Nelson of New York, by his agent, James Whitelaw. This farm he began to clear, and built a log house. In 1805 while alone, he was severely injured by the falling of a tree, when half a mile from the nearest house. He was rescued by James Goodwin, who heard his call for help, and taken to Capt. John Gray's where he boarded. He was nursed there by a young widow, Mrs. Ann Neilson Peden,

daughter of James Neilson of Erskine, Scotland, and widow of John Peden of Paisley, who had been a soldier. She was born at Erskine in 1769, and m. Mr. Peden in 1803. They came at once to Ryegate to care for her aunt, the widow of John Ritchie, q. v. Mr. Peden did not like farming and they went to Hartford, Conn., and he became a clerk in a mercantile house, where he died of yellow fever. His widow returned to Ryegate on horseback, with only a little boy for a companion and came to Capt. Gray's where Mrs. Ritchie also lived.

Alexander Cochran and Mrs. Peden were m. by Rev. David Goodwillie, Aug. 19, 1806. They continued clearing their farm, and built a second log house, and a framed house, where the present buildings stand. Mr. Cochran died of spotted fever March 5, 1815, in his 40th year. His widow, with three small children, with indomitable energy, finished clearing the farm, and erected new buildings. In 1821 she built the present house. She was a woman of remarkable activity, and lived to see the reward of her labors. Admitted to the Associate Church, June 27, 1806. She d. May 14, 1842.

Children:

- I. DAUGHTER,² d. in infancy.
- II. JANET,² b. Sept. 5, 1809; m. Daniel Wormwood, q. v.
- III. ROBERT,² b. Jan. 5, 1812.
- IV. ELIZABETH,² b. Jan. 27, 1814; m. James Thomas, q. v.
- 1 ROBERT,² (Alexander,¹) b. Jan. 5, 1812; farmer on homestead; captain in the militia; town representative, 1849, '50. holding other town offices; united with the Ref. Pres. Ch., South Ryegate; elected an elder but declined to serve. In 1875 he with others organized the 1st Wesleyan church, in which he was elected a deacon. He m. 1st March 27, 1834, by Rev. Wm. Pringle, Jane, dau. Archibald Park (b. Sept. 8, 1810; d. Oct. 28, 1862.) He m. 2d Dec. 7, 1871, Janet Wallace, dau. Wm. Nelson, 2d (b. May 1, 1825;) d. 1888. He d. Nov. 20, 1876.

Children:

- 2 i. Alexander,³ b. May 21, 1835.
- ii. Archibald,³ b. Sept. 2, 1836; d. May 27, 1863.
- 3 iii. Margaret Ann,³ b. Nov. 20, 1837.
- iv. Jane R.,³ b. Feb. 11, 1839; d. Feb. 25, 1841.
- 4 v. George,³ b. Jan. 30, 1841.
- vi. Luthera,³ b. May 14, 1843; m. Dr. J. W. Gregg, q. v.
- 5 vii. Silas Wright,³ b. June 21, 1845.
- viii. Lewis Robert,³ b. Oct. 25, 1848; d. of typhoid fever, Oct. 28, 1862. He was taken sick at the same hour with his mother, died at the same hour, and was buried in the same grave.
- ix. John Nelson,³ b. March 5, 1851; d. in Ill., Aug. 5, 1882.
- 2 ALEXANDER,³ (Robert,² Alexander,¹) b. May 21, 1835; ed. at common school and Newbury Seminary; dealt in farm stock and produce. In 1865 he bought out George Cowles, and was in business in the "Old Corner Store," till 1889, as a general merchant; was also town clerk, town treasurer, and postmaster for 23 successive years, holding the office of Justice of the Peace. In 1882, he became partner with his brother-in-law, Hon. T. B. Hall, as general merchants at Groton, removing there in 1889, having sold his mercantile business in Ryegate to John A. McLam. At Groton, in mercantile and other business, till 1906, when they rem. to Wells River. In 1904, the firm of Hall & Cochran sold out to Blanchard & Hook. He furnished money and supplies for the Blue Mountain Granite Company in Ryegate, till their failure in 1892, when he was compelled to assume the ownership of that property. Elected a director in the National Bank of Newbury, 1879, and now vice-president; also a director in the Merchants National Bank at St

Johnsbury, and in the Capital Savings Bank at Montpelier, also a director in the Montpelier & Wells River R. R. Member several years of the State Democratic Committee for Caledonia Co., democratic candidate for senator, and for state treasurer, and in 1910 for representative to Congress; delegate to the National Democratic convention of 1892; town representative from Groton, 1896. Has been largely employed in the settlement of estates, and other business requiring tact, integrity and experience.

He m. Sept. 20, 1866, Theresa, dau. Hon. Isaac N. Hall of Groton. Mr. Cochran has been ably assisted by his wife, who possesses unusual ability, culture and refinement, and is active in temperance work. Members of the Methodist church at Groton, in which both are stewards. During the World's Columbian Exhibition at Chicago, 1893, Mrs. Cochran was Alternate Lady Manager, and acted as Principal, in the absence of the Manager. Mr. Cochran is extensively engaged in lumbering operations in Canada as well as nearer home, and is one of the prominent business men in the state.

Children all born in Ryegate:

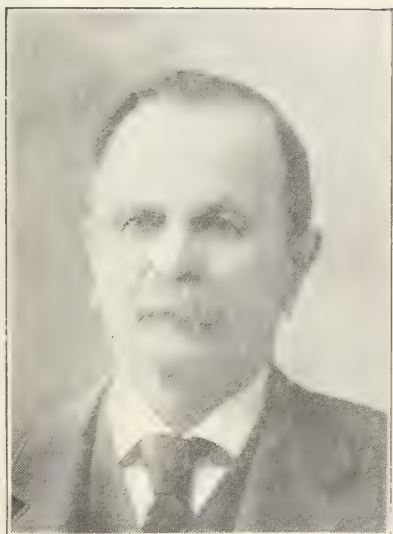
- i. Robert Newton,⁴ b. Sept. 13, 1869; d. June 12, 1871.
 - ii. Josephine Elizabeth,⁴ b. June 9, 1872; m. June 6, 1894, Daniel F. Clark, a native of Groton; P. O. inspector; res. Harrisburg, Pa.; d. there Dec. 23, 1908; bur. Groton. Ch. Daniel Robert, b. April 29, 1907.
 - iii. Gertrude,⁴ b. Jan. 8, 1877; m. Jan. 8, 1901, Howard M. Fletcher, City Passenger Agent for the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe R. R.; res. in Boston. 1 ch. Alexander C., b. May 25, 1910.
 - iv. Theresa Jean,⁴ b. May 25, 1881; grad. Smith Coll., 1903; m. at Wells River, June 30, 1908, Horace White Armstrong of Evanston, Ill., connected with the firm of Read, Murdock & Co., Chicago. Ch. (1) Frank H., b. April 6, 1910. (2) Jean, b. June 5, 1911.
- 3 MARGARET ANN,³ (Robert,² Alexander,¹) b. Nov. 20, 1837; m. Jan. 15, 1866, Charles T. Metcalf (b. Piermont, N. H., Aug. 26, 1836.) They lived in Piermont, but rem. in 1868, to Nunda, N. Y., where she d. June 12, 1872; bur. in Ryegate. He d. at Nunda, Dec. 12, 1876, and bur. there

Children:

- i. Katie Jane,⁴ [Metcalf,] b. Piermont, June, 6, 1867; d. there Jan. 8, 1868, bur. in R.
 - ii. Edith Jerusha,⁴ [Metcalf,] b. Nunda, N. Y., Nov. 23, 1868; d. there April 29, 1872; bur. in R.
 - iii. Lewis Charles,⁴ [Metcalf,] b. N. May 27, 1872; res. Attica, N. Y., printer. He m. at Perry, N. Y., June 4, 1902, Maude A. Tallman. Ch. Charles T., b. Attica, N. Y., May 8, 1903.
- 4 GEORGE,³ (Robert,² Alexander,¹) b. Jan. 30, 1841. In the water business at San Francisco, 1862-'65; farmer on the homestead since 1868, where the first of the family settled, now a farm of 400 acres; democrat in politics; town representative, 1884. Has held nearly every town office. Master of Blue Mountain Grange, chairman of the board of deacons and treasurer of the 1st Presbyterian church, and one of the trustees of Wells River Savings Bank. His farm is one of the largest in Caledonia Co., lying high upon the southern slope of Blue Mountain one of the few in town which have been in the same family for more than a century. The house, built by his grandmother in 1821, repaired and remodeled in 1906, contains many relics of old times, and is adorned by the hand and taste of Mrs. Cochran. He m. Jan. 12, 1870, by Rev. M. B. Bradford of McIndoes, Sarah Addie, dau. of Maj. Thomas Nelson.

Children:

- i. Susie M.,⁴ b. June 30, 1873; m. Sept. 13, 1892, Albert E. Hall, q. v.
- ii. Nelson G.,⁴ b. June 20, 1879; farmer with his father. He m. Aug. 30, 1904, Edith L., dau. Dean S., and Lois E. Turnbull of Somerville, St.



ALEXANDER COCHRAN, ESQ.



MRS. THERESA HALL COCHRAN.



GEORGE COCHRAN, ESQ.



MRS. ADDIE NELSON COCHRAN.



Lawrence Co., N. Y., (b. Wegatchie, N. Y., Nov. 4, 1885). Ch. (1) George Dean,⁵ b. Ryegate, April 6, 1906, representing the 5th generation on the homestead. (2) Adaline Eloise, b. June 15, 1908. (3) Lois Sylvia, b. Feb. 20, 1911.

SILAS WRIGHT.³ (Robert,² Alexander.¹) b. June 21, 1845. Went west in 1867, engaged in railroad construction over 30 yrs. and carried on some very extensive work. In 1892 he constructed over 200 miles of railroad in Georgia and Alabama, the Alabama Midland, R. R., from Bainbridge, Ga., to Montgomery, Ala. This was built in twelve months. The contractors furnished all the material except the steel rails, and did all the work—grading, bridging, track laying, station, water tanks, section houses and cotton platforms. The contract amounted to one million, five hundred thousand dollars. Ret. from bus. Res. Independence, Kan. He m. Sept. 7, 1871, Eliza Jane, dau. Maj. Thomas McKibben, paymaster in the army, and an intimate friend of President Lincoln.

Children:

- i. Robert T.,⁴ b. June 22, 1872; in real estate bus., Los Angeles, Cal.
- ii. Frank,⁴ b. June 15, 1874; connected with large hotel at Nashville, Tenn. d. March 4, 1910.
- iii. Harry,⁴ b. Aug. 19, 1876; in real estate bus., St. Louis.

COLBURN.

ELLIS, b. Shewsbury, Vt.; m. Lucy, dau. Hezekiah Wetherbee (b. Grafton, Vt., Dec. 12, 1855; d. Walpole Mass., Feb. 1, 1872) They came to Newbury 1843 and bought the farm of Josiah Quint, near Boltonville, where he d. Dec. 12, 1855. This farm was sold to Leander Quint ab. 1863.

Children:

- i. Elizabeth, b. Shewsbury, Vt., Aug. 7, 1822; m. Granville C. Meader, q. v.
- ii. Charlotte, b. Dec. 21, 1823; d. Nov. 17, 1848, while attending Normal school at W. Newton, Mass.
- iii. Julius, b. June 1, 1825; d. Dec. 21, 1832.
- iv. Emily, b. May 21, 1827; teacher; m. Rev. Samuel L. Eastman; she d. Erie, Mich., Aug. 5, 1862.
- v. Dwight, b. Jan. 22, 1829, d. July 9, 1832.
- vi. Everett, b. Nov. 26, 1830; went to Kansas, 1856; served in civil war in Co. G. 11th Kansas reg. Deacon in Baptist ch. at Manhattan. He m. June 22, 1865, Eliza A. Parish, who d. 1884; he d. Sept. 10, 1874. One son, Edgar B.
- vii. Hepzibah A., b. Nov. 16, 1832; m. March 28, 1857, Wm. S. Johnson of Bath. She d. at home of her dau. Mrs. Nutting at Auburn, N. H., July 10, 1908. Chil. (1) Martha C., b. Bath, May 21, 1858; m. 1st, G. P. Wilson, who d. 1888; one dau. Mary A., b. July 14, 1878; m. Oct. 1899, Arthur W. Crosby of Manchester, N. H. (2) Willard J., b. July 13, 1859; d. Woodsville, June 14, 1907. (3) Mary C., b. Newbury, Sept. 3, 1861; m. Dec. 31, 1887, Arthur J. Nutting of Manchester, N. H. Ch., Genevieve, b. Jan. 18, 1889.
- viii. Cynthia, b. Oct. 23, 1834; teacher in Kansas, before the Civil war; res. South Ryegate.
- ix. Edgar, b. March 7, 1836; d. at Soldier's Home, Boston, from disease contracted in the army.
- x. Ellen A., b. March 17, 1839; res. South Ryegate.
- xi. Mary C., b. June 21, 1841.

COLLINS.

Rev. Franklin A., b. No. Shanango, Crawford Co., Penn., Feb. 23, 1864. His gr. gr. grandfather, Isaac Wright Collins, (b. England, 1775.) came to America in early manhood, settled first in Mifflin Co., Penn., later,

with two bros. and a four horse team, pushed his way across the Alleghanies, and up Beaver River to the head waters of the Shenango, where he was one of the first settlers in 1802 taking part in the war of 1812. His gr. father, Isaiah Collins, the 1st white ch. b. in the new settlement, became a skillful hunter, and was elder, precentor and clerk in the noted pioneer Seceder church of Shenango. His father, John S. Collins, was like all the family, possessed of great musical ability. The latter m. Clara M. Stevens of sterling Mass., and Conn. ancestry, a lady of unusual intellectual ability. Her father was a brave and able captain in the lake service, and her gr. father a revolutionary soldier.

Rev F. A. Collins grad. Alleghany Coll., Meadville, Penn., 1894; in 1895, he was settled as pastor of the United Presbyterian church in Ryegate, resigning in 1904; did graduate work in the Psychology of Religion in Chicago Univ., five yrs. pastor of the Un. Pres. Ch., at West Charlton, Saratoga Co., N. Y., and now pastor of the Un. Pres. Ch. at Greensboro, Vt. He m. May 1, 1895, Cannie Letha, dau. Prof. James H. Dickey of Pittsburg, Penn. The latter was a teacher over 50 yrs. An uncle, Rev. W. W. Barr, D. D., of Philadelphia, was for many years Cor. Sec. of the Board of Foreign Missions for the Un. Pres. Ch.; a sister, Miss Cora B. Dickey was eight yrs. a missionary in Egypt, and another sister, Mrs. M. A. Martin, has for several years, had charge of the Press Bureau for the Chapman-Alexander evangelistic work. Mr. Collins' experience as an active worker in a large church, his musical talent, devotion to the work, and winning personality have aided their success and in their pastorate in R. they had the pleasure of seeing their church recognized as the banner congregation of the state for missionary contributions. Chil. Esther Jane, Franklin A., Jr., and Mary Wright, who are deceased, and Letha Ruth who is living.

COWLES.*

- I. JOHN, b. ab. 1598, supposed to have come from the west of Eng.; in Hartford, Ct., 1636, Farmington, 1640, Hadley, 1659; settled finally in Hatfield, 1660, where he d. and where his homestead rem. in the family till 1898. 7 chil.
- II. SAMUEL, b. 1639; res. in Farmlington, Ct.; m. Abigail, dau. Timothy Stanley from County of Kent, Eng.; he d. April 17, 1691.
- III. JOSEPH, b. Jan. 13, 1695; m. Mary Goodwin; res. in E. Hartford; d. Feb. 20, 1775.
- IV. ABIAH, b. Aug. 10, 1735; m. 1763, Martha Smith; res. E. Hartford; d. Dec. 10, 1782.
- V. TIMOTHY, b. E. Hartford July 18, 1777; rem. to Marshfield, Vt., ab. 1801-'02; to Peacham, 1808, where he was a hatter for many years, in which he was succeeded by his sons, Timothy and John; he m. 1803, Susan Fairchild. 11 ch., 8 sons, 3 dau's. Only one now living.
- VII. GEORGE,¹ b. Peacham, Sept. 27, 1809; m. Aug. 24, 1836, Mary Bradley of Peacham. Came to R. 1835, and went into business as a general country merchant in the "Old Corner Store." In Jan. 1838, his bro. James rem. from Peacham and became partner in the business, at which time they rec'd a deed from Alexander Harvey of the store and home lot extending to the cemetery. James retired from the partnership Oct. 26 1844, and rem. successively to Maidstone and Morgan, Vt., Rockford, Ill., and Palmer, Mass., where he d. Oct 6, 1897. He m. Katharine, dau. Gov. John Mattocks. 3 ch all dead. One son d. in early manhood, another son and the dau. both m. and left heirs. George held many offices of trust and responsibility. P. M., in R. and

* By Miss Cowles.

at McIndoes 30 yrs., town clerk nearly the same time, county senator 1862-'64. At his resignation in 1865 the town passed a vote of thanks for his long and faithful service. He held other offices, and was often administrator of estates. In 1865 he sold his Ryegate property to Alex. Cochran, and the next year rem. to McIndoes in 1866, where in Sept. 1867, he bought the store of Azro Dutton which he occupied at his death, Aug. 15, 1870. His wife was a descendant of Hannah Dustin; she d. Boston, Aug 3, 1885.

Children:

- i. Edward², b. Ryegate, July 20, 1837; A. B., Dart. Coll., 1859, M. D., Dartmouth, 1862; A. M. Dartmouth, 1861; Medical House pupil, Retreat for the Insane, Hartford, Conn., 1860-62; M. D. Dartmouth Medical School, 1863; College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, 1863; Asst. physician, Retreat for the Insane, Hartford, Conn., 1863; Medical Corps, United States Army, 1863-72; Resident Physician and Superintendent, Boston City Hospital, 1872-79; Medical Superintendent McLean Hospital, Waverly, Mass., 1879-1903; Lecturer on Mental Diseases, Dartmouth Medical Coll, 1885-86; Professor of Mental Diseases, *ibid*, 1886-; Fellow by Courtesy, Johns Hopkins University, 1887-88; Instructor in Mental Diseases, Harvard Medical School, 1888-; L. L. D., Dart. Coll., 1890; Non-Resident Lecturer on Psychiatry, Clark University, 1904-. Retired from McLean Hospital Jan. 1st, 1904, and rem. to Boston where he has since continued his work in Mental Diseases, in private practice and in teaching. In 1907 he went to reside in Hanover, N. H., and rem. from there to Plymouth, Mass., in 1908. Asst surgeon U. S. Army, June 13, 1863. His first service was in charge of a small hospital which he established in a schoolhouse in Harrisburgh; where one hundred wounded soldiers were received from the battlefield of Gettysburgh. He was surgeon-in-charge of the hospital until it was closed in December, 1863. He served with the Army of the Potomac in the winter of 1863-64 in Virginia, and was in Gen. Grant's campaign, through the battles of the Wilderness, from the Rapidan to Petersburg. At the close of the war he was surgeon-in-chief of Provost Marshal Gen. Macy's Brigade, at the headquarters of the army, from Appomattox to its last camp at Arlington, and continued with Gen. Meade's staff until the army was disbanded at Washington; was brevetted captain for meritorious services during the war, and later promoted to full rank of captain; he was post surgeon at Fort Independence, Boston Harbor, one year; six months in New Orleans as inspector of camps and transport ships, at Sheridan's headquarters; two years the chief medical officer of the District of the Rio Grande, at Fort Brown, Texas. During this service in Louisiana and Texas both Dr. Cowles and his wife had yellow fever in the epidemic that prevailed in 1866-7. After serving two years as post surgeon at Fort Preble, Portland, Me., he resigned his commission and settled in general practice in Boston, 1862. He designed the plan of the Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, Hanover, N. H., and became a member of the Board of Trustees; and was Chairman of Trustees of the Mass. Hospital for Dipsomaniacs and Inebriates, 1896 to 1901; member of the Board of Trustees, Clark University, Worcester, Mass., 1890. Fellow A. A. A. S., Am. Soc. Naturalists, Am. Psychol. Assn. (pres. 1895), Am. Med. Assn., Me. Med. Assn., (Hon.); foreign Asso. Paris Soc. Med. Psychol; mem. Mass. Med. Soc., Boston Soc. Psychiatry and Neurology, Nat. Assn. for study of Epilepsy, Nat. Geog. Soc., Alpha Delta Phi, Phi Beta Kappa, Loyal Legion, Republican, Congregationalist.

He was first in the work of establishing a training school for nurses for the insane; and the honor is his of the inception and carrying out of the plans for the buildings of the new McLean Hospital at Waverly, Mass. A writer says of it: "The plans of the buildings and their arrangement with reference to each other, in fact the whole

- development of the new hospital, have been the work of the accomplished superintendent, Dr. Edward Cowles, the late honored president of the American Medico-Psychological Association." He m. Hanover, N. H., Dec. 25, 1865, Harriet M. Wainwright, who d. Aug. 21, 1908; res. 8 Sever street, Plymouth, Mass. Boston office, 419 Boylston St.
- ii. Frank Mellen, b. Ryegate, June 29, 1839; an artist by profession, founder of the Cowles Art School and manager during its useful existence of twenty years from October, 1883. This, the largest private Art School in the United States, had an international reputation, employing as many as nine instructors at a time, with an attendance of about 300 students in a year from every State in the Union, South America and the Hawaiian Islands. All the different branches of drawing, painting, modelling and decorative design were taught. Many whose names have become distinguished in the Art world received instruction in this institution. Res. Ogunquit, Maine.
 - iii. Jane Elisabeth, b. May 3, 1841; rem. to McIndoes 1866, to Boston, Mass., 1875, and returned to Vermont, 1897. Was clerk at the Cowles Art School, Boston, Mass., 1883, 1885-1895; is interested in genealogical, and an occasional lecturer on historical subjects. Has in preparation a history of Peacham, Vt., and is now engaged upon a genealogy of "The Descendants of John Cowles of Farmington, Conn." Author of "Decoration Day, Peacham, Vt., 1905," copies of which are in the Congressional Library, Washington, D. C., and other important libraries, and an unpublished manuscript history of her ancestors. Res. 8 Sever St., Plymouth, Mass.
 - iv. William Henry, b. Ryegate, Nov. 18, 1843; m. Emma Louise Oliver of Yonkers, N. Y.; res. Boston, Mass. Ch. (1) Ella Youmans, b. Brooklyn, N. Y., 1873; m. John D. Ashton; res. Yonkers, N. Y. (2) George Starin, b. Brooklyn, N. Y., 1875; architect; res. Yonkers, N. Y.

CRAIG.*

WILLIAM,¹ b. Erskine, Renfrew, Scotland, 1753; m. ab. 1771, Margaret McInlay (McKinley), half sister to James M., who settled here. Came to R. 1784, and bought 5 lots of land of the Scotch Co., which after his death was sold in 1821 to Edward Miller, Sen., where his son Hugh G., lived. He d. 1807, and she d. 1823, in Topsham, and bur. there. They joined the "Seceder," now the Uni. Pres. ch. in 1784, presenting the following certificate:

These do certify that William Craig, son of William Craig, late farmer in the Parish of Erskine and Shire of Renfrew, North Britain, with Margaret McInlay, his spouse, resided in the Parish of Erskine from their infancy preceding this date behaving themselves sober and inoffensively free from public scandal or Ground of Church Censure known to this Session, and having been admitted to sealing ordinances here, there is nothing known at present to hinder them from the same privilege where Providence may order their lot. Is attested at Erskine the 3d of May, 1784 by Walter Young, Minister.

GEORGE DEMPSTER, Sess. Clk.

† Children: The five oldest b. Scotland and bapt. by Rev. Walter Young.

- 1 i. William,² b. Feb. 1772
- ii. Margaret,² b. May 1, 1774; m. Robert Hall, q. v.
- 2 iii. John,² b. Aug. 5, 1776.
- 3 iv. James,² b. May 1, 1778.
- v. Janet,² b. March 26, 1783; m. Archibald Taylor, q. v.
- vi. Jean,² b. Ryegate, June 15, 1786: bapt. by Rev. Dr. Witherspoon; m. 1st James Caldwell, q. v. 2d, Robert Renfrew of Newbury.

* By Q. A. Whitehill, and others. † Dates of birth from Session Records.

vii. Mary,² b. July 15, 1789; bapt. by Rev. Peter Powers (Currier); m. June 15, 1812, Joseph Currier of Topsham and went west.

- 1 WILLIAM,² (William,¹) b. Erskine, Scot., Feb. 1772; bapt. by Rev. Walter Young. Came to R. with parents; m. June 2, 1796, Mary, dau. Allan Stewart; owned the George Nelson farm which he sold, and went west. The following record by Mr. Miller is given for its preservation.

Children:

- i. William,³ b. April 30, 1797.
- ii. John,³ b. March 18, 1800.
- iii. Allan,³ b. March 21, 1802.
- iv. James,³ b. April 26, 1804.
- v. Mary,³ b. Aug. 1, 1807.
- vi. Margaret McInlay,³ b. April, 1809.
- vii. Robert,³ b. Aug. 7, 1811.
- viii. Francis Stewart,³ b. June 23, 1813.

- 2 JOHN,² (William,¹) b. "the last week in August, 1776."—Mason. Bapt. by Rev. Walter Young; came with parents to R.; was employed two years in getting out stone for the state prison at Windsor. He m. 1st, March 2 1806, Jean, dau. Alex. Miller (b. April 1, 1787; d. Jan. 17, 1819). 2d, Dec. 30, 1819, Mary Dickey of Topsham (b. April 1, 1787). He settled at So Ryegate, where he built a saw mill and a grist mill before he was m. Mr. Mason says, and the place was called Craig's Mills for some years. He d. while in Corinth, 1859; she d. at Topsham, 1853.

Children:

- i. Jean,³ b. Jan. 30, 1809; m. June, 1844, John McClaren of Barnet. Chil. (1) Mary Helen,⁴ b. March 25, 1845; m. Scott L. Gates; res. Barre, Vt. (2) Alexander Peden,⁴ b. July 5, 1846; lived near Barnet Ctr. church. (3) William John,⁴ b. Nov. 23, 1847; d. in California.
- ii. Mary,³ b. June 12, 1810; m. William Whitehill, q. v.
- iii. Isabel,³ b. Dec. 17, 1811; m. Andrew Whitehill, q. v.
- iv. Eliza,³ (twin to Isabel); m. ab. 1837, Thomas Brock of Barnet (b. Jan 2, 1809; d. May 13, 1894). Chil. (1) Albert,⁴ [Brock] b. March 2, 1838; d. March 7, 1896; m. 1st, Hattie Bomier (b. July 14, 1845; d. Feb. 6, 1872). 2d, Mary E. Harriman (b. July 13, 1843; d. Nov. 13, 1894). (2) Robert M.,⁴ [Brock] b. July 12, 1839; d. May 5, 1887; m. Dec. 12, 1867, Elvira E. Gilfillan. No ch. (3) Mary Jane,⁴ [Brock,] b. 1842; d. Nov. 7, 1881; m. Robert Stevenson of Barnet. No ch. (4) James A.,⁴ [Brock] b. Aug. 15, 1848; d. March 15, 1868. Mrs. Brock d. July 3, 1862.

- 4 v. Robert M.,³ b. Dec. 17, 1813.

By 2d marriage:

- vi. John,³ b. Nov. 7, 1820, tended grist mills in Hardwick and Corinth, later for some years, Peckett's mill in Bradford. Twice m.; 3 ch.
- vii. Susanna,³ b. Topsham, Dec. 1, 1821; m. ——— Fuller; no ch.; d. at Wm. Craig's Brookline, Mass.
- viii. Edward,³ b. July 1, 1823; m. Muella Tabor of Topsham; dep. sheriff there 1852. Went to Missouri, became wealthy; d. in Cal. 1897; one dau.
- ix. Adam Dickey,³ b. Nov. 24, 1824; went to the Mexican war and d. at Vera Cruz.
- x. Annis,³ b. July 11, 1826; m. ——— Wilson of Topsham.
- xi. Julia,³ b. Oct. 25, 1827; d. un-m. at John Craig's, Bradford, 1870.
- xii. Thomas G.,³ b. Peacham; d. at 4 yrs.

- 3 JAMES,² (William,¹) b. Scotland, May 1, 1778; came to R. with parents; farmer and blacksmith; m. Margaret Nesmith (b. July 3, 1776); rem. to Topsham or Groton about 1821, and with their son, James, rem. to Ill. ab. 1852, where he d. ten yrs. later.

Children:

- i. Janet Nesmith,³ b. Jan. 17, 1809; m. James Caldwell, q. v.

- ii. Margaret McInlay,³ b. April 10, 1810; m. April 2, 1820, Hale G. Wright; d. Jan. 9, 1885.
 - iii. Adam Dickey,³ b. Nov. 8, 1812; m. Jan. 25, 1864, Belle McClintock.
 - iv. Esther,³ b. May 26, 1814; d. May 18, 1898; m. June 19, 1833, John Lyle
 - v. Mary Jane,³ b. Oct. 1, 1816; d. July 23, 1855; m. Feb. 19, 1837, Thomas Lyle.
 - vi. Agnes³ b. March 18, 1818; d. March 28, 1876; m. Jan. 11, 1844, Moody Grow; rem. 1850 to Neponset, Ill., where she d.
 - vii. Betsey,³ b. July 18, 1820; d. 1868; m. Dec. 16, 1857, Isaac B. Blake.
 - viii. Lucinda,³ b. July 18, 1822; d. un-m. Jan. 17, 1901.
 - ix. William G.,³ b. July 7, 1824; m. July 7, 1855; Nancy Lester.
 - x. Robert H.,³ b. Jan. 1, 1826; m. March 23, 1848, Mary Fellows. Celebrated their 60th anniversary, 1908.
 - xi. James C.,³ b. Jan. 1, 1828; m. Oct. 29, 1855, Eliza J. Jones. Was prominent in business and socially, and held many offices; d. in Ill. May 25, 1900.
- 4 ROBERT MILLER,³ (John,² William,¹) b. Dec. 17, 1813; m. Jan. 24, 1839, Nancy, dau. Daniel Keenan (b. Ireland, Nov. 7, 1717; d. Topsham, Jan. 4, 1878); he d. May 10, 1855.
- Children all b. in Ryegate:
- i. Daniel Robert,⁴ b. March 27, 1841; en. Co. G. 6th Vt., in the Civil War, taken prisoner in the Battle of the Wilderness, conf. in Andersonville prison, exchanged, and d. at Washington six days later, and bur. there.
 - ii. William Parker,⁴ b. Sept. 6, 1842; d. March 7, 1843.
 - iii. Albert Edward,⁴ b. Apr. 10, 1844; enlisted Aug. 15, 1862 in Co. G, 6th Vt.; served through the war; he m. Oct. 18, 1870, Katherine Haslett (b. St. Gila, Quebec; d. Dec. 28, 1905). Chil. (1) Ernest E.,⁵ b. Topsham, Sept. 21, 1871; m. Feb. 17, 1892, Della Sly. (2) Etta E.,⁵ b. Dec. 17, 1895; m. Elmer Brown.
 - iv. William Parker,⁴ b. Dec. 28, 1845; mem. Co. G, 6th Vt., in Civil War, killed at Funkstown, Md., July 10, 1863; bur. W. Ryegate.
 - v. Martha Leila,⁴ b. Nov. 8, 1847; d. Topsham, June 15, 1872.
 - vi. Margaret Jane,⁴ b. May 27, 1850; d. May 10, 1905.
 - vii. Rockwell Frank,⁴ b. April 30, 1852; m. July, 1875, Lizzie Buswell; res. Marlow, N. H. Ch. Willis and Jennie.
 - viii. Mary Ella,⁴ b. Nov. 20, 1853; m. Oct. 13, 1875, Forest Mills.

CRAIGIE.

JAMES,¹ b. Leeds, P. Q., Oct. 20, 1865; came to St. Johnsbury, 1890, and to So. R. 1894; granite cutter; enlisted March, 1899, in Battery N, 6th U. S. Art., served 7th mo. at Honolulu, Hawaii; and nearly two years in the Philippine Islands. Was in several expeditions against insurgents in Bataan Prov., which culminated in the surrender of insurgent forces under Gen. Mascardo, ap. Sergeant, 1901. Ret. to R., and engaged in granite manufacturing since. He m. July 29, 1903, Leola M., dau. Lafayette and Jane (Dunnett) Carpenter. Members of 1st Pres. ch. Chil. Wendell C., b. June 12, 1904.

CROWE.

GEORGE,¹ (Wm. and Janet [Arthur,]) b. Scotland, Apr. 3, 1847; came to America, 1851; in teaming and livery bus. So. R. He m. Concord, N. H., March 2, 1871, Helen L. dau. Dr. Eli Perry, (b. R. 1844). Members of 1st Pres. ch.

Children:

- i. Luther L.,² b. March 27, 1872; m. March 29, 1894, Hattie, dau. Geo. R. Brown. Chil. (1) Frank Burton,³ b. Apr. 13, 1900. (2) Margarett,³ b. Jan. 12, 1902. (3) Helen Estelle,³ b. June 28, 1903. (4) Rodney E.,³ b. March 17, 1908.
- ii. Burton Perry,² b. June 17, 1874; m. July 30, 1907, Charlotte, dau. Os-good and Eliza (Bailey) Wheeler. Ch. Marion Evangeline,³ b. May 25, 1908. William Nelson,³ b. Dec. 20, 1810.
- iii. Lottie J.,² b. Apr. 26, 1880; grad. Normal Department, Goddard Seminary. 1905; taught in Spaulding High School, Barre, Vt. She m. Nov. 7, 1910, Norman Morrison, Barre, Vt.
- iv. George H.,² b. May 3, 1882. In charge of creamery at Swiftwater, N. H.

CROWN.

MOSES WESSON,¹ s. of Ebenezer and Nancy [Clark] Crown; b. Topsham, Apr. 17, 1824; he m. 1st, March 23, 1854, Margaret Ann., dau. James,² Whitehill (b. July 21, 1833; d. June 2, 1867.) 2d, June 3, 1869, Mary (Orr), widow of David Whitehill. He d. Dec. 20, 1901.

Children by 1st marriage:

- i. James E.,² b. Groton, Apr. 23, 1855; farmer after 1882, at N. Ryegate, the farm formerly that of John,² (James,¹) Whitehill. He m. at No. Greensboro, Oct. 28, 1882, Margaret, dau. Wm. and Margaret [Cuthbertson] Wilson. Elder in Un. Pres. ch. many years; d. June 30, 1909. Ch. (1) Harry,³ m. June 29, 1909, Winnifred, dau. Lyman B. Swan of Newbury. Ch. James Wendell,⁴ b. Apr. 9, 1911. (2) William,³
- ii. Nettie J.,² b. Oct. 12, 1856.
- iii. Jennie,² b. Dec. 5, 1858; m. Cyrus B. Page; d. Apr. 20, 1898.
- iv. William,² b. May, 1861; d. June, 1862.
- v. John Nelson,² b. July 12, 1865; m. July 4, 1894, Jennie L., dau. Alex. W. Eastman of Topsham; he d. Sept. 23, 1899.

By 2d marriage:

- vi. Wesley,² b. Sept. 20, 1871.

CROZIER.

OLIVER DEXTER,² (William L.,¹) b. Halifax, Vt., Sept. 3, 1835; mechanic and very ingenious; d. No. Adams, Mass., May, 1901; he m. Nov. 1863, Meroe Angelette, dau. Wm. Miller, (b. May 6, 1845).

Children:

- i. Alice E.,³ b. April 21, 1865; m. Eugene Nutting of Woodsville.
 - ii. Fred D.,³ b. April 23, 1868.
 - iii. Ida Estella,³ b. June 17, 1869 at W. Concord, Vt.; m. at E. Peacham, May 1, 1900, by Rev. J. K. Williams, Lewis G. Dowse (b. Peacham, Nov. 4, 1873.) Ch. Flora Hazel,⁴ b. at P., April 12, 1901.
 - iv. John A.,³ b. Concord, Vt., 1871.
 - v. Mabel Jennie,³ b. No. Adams, Mass., Dec. 27, 1875; m.
- JOHN AIKEN,³ (Oliver D.,² William,¹) b. W. Concord, Vt., Nov. 29, 1871; he m. Nov. 9, 1892, by Rev. John J. Hall, Nancy Jane, dau. Wm. J. Nelson (b. Sept. 9, 1864); rem. to Glover, Vt., purchasing the farm on which he lives.

Children b. at Glover:

- i. Lula May, b. June 30, 1895.
- ii. Lilla Nancy, b. Oct. 15, 1898; d. Oct. 16, 1893.
- iii. John Aiken, b. Sept. 8, 1902.

MABEL JENNIE,³ b. No. Adams, Mass., Dec. 27, 1875; m. 1st, Barton, Vt., March 22, 1894, Wm. John Leonard (b. Canada, Oct. 20, 1873).

Children:

- i. Eva Meroa,⁴ [Leonard] b. So. Ryegate, Sept. 29, 1894.

- ii. Lena Adaline,⁴ [Leonard] b. Glover, Vt., Dec. 9, 1896.
- iii. Norman Alton,⁴ [Leonard] b. Barnet, March 10, 1898.
William J., and Mabel J. Leonard were divorced June 14, 1907 and she m. 2d, Oct. 16, 1907, at Peacham, Kenneth McCondach, b. Aberdeen, Scotland, June, 1862; res. Hardwick, Vt.

CURRIER.*

EZRA CURRIER was born in Amesbury, Mass., June 25, 1749. He was a son of Gideon and Mary (Brown) Currier. He descended from Richard Currier, one of the very earliest settlers of Salisbury, Mass., in 1640.

In 1638 the General Court of Massachusetts granted to Simon Bradstreet and others, leave for a plantation at Merrimac on the north side of the river. Settlers soon came and secured lots, taking up nearly all the land east of the Powow River eastward to the Atlantic. September 4, 1639, the General Court named the plantation, Colchester. This name did not seem to have pleased the settlers, and on the 7th of July, 1640, the General Court changed the name Colchester to Salisbury. The first settlements were made in the east part of the town, bordering on the Atlantic on the east, and on the Merrimac on the south. Settlers continued to come in, and settlements were made in the wilderness on the west side of the Powow River.

In 1654 the citizens of the plantation, both sides of the Powow River voted to divide the town. Those on the east side of the river retained the name of Salisbury, and those on the west side called their town New Salisbury. In 1666 the General Court granted the inhabitants of New Salisbury "the liberty of a township." On or previous to 1654 Richard Currier had moved over the Powow River into New Salisbury, and in 1666 he was chosen a delegate to the General Court to secure a charter for the new township, which was forthwith granted. In the early part of 1667 a town meeting was held in New Salisbury when it was voted to change the name of the town to Amesbury. This change was confirmed by the General Court in 1668, since which time that portion of the original Salisbury west of the Powow river has borne that name with the exception of the west end of the town. In 1876 the west end of Amesbury was incorporated by the name of Merrimac by the Massachusetts Legislature.

Richard Currier died in Amesbury on February 22nd 1686-7. He had been a very prominent business man in the early history of Amesbury as well as of Salisbury, before the town was divided. Ezra Currier, son of Gideon of Chester, N. H., one of the early settlers of Ryegate, descended from Richard through the following line: Richard, b. 1617; Dea. Thomas, b. in Salisbury, Mass., March 8, 1646; d. in Amesbury, Mass., September 27, 1712; Benjamin, b. in Amesbury, Mass., March 27, 1688; Gideon, b. in Amesbury, Mass., February 21, 1712. Ezra, subject of this sketch, was born in Amesbury, Mass., June 25, 1749. When Ezra was about two years of age his father moved from Amesbury up into Chester, N. H. But few facts can now be gathered of his youth and early manhood. It is known however that previous to 1773 he married Ruth Cassidy, and afterwards moved up into the "Coös Country," living at various times in several towns of that section. He was a miller and farmer, and did considerable lumbering in these new settlements. When in Ryegate he was much in the employ of William Nelson, either lumbering or working in the mills at Dodge's Falls, now called East Ryegate. He and his three sons were employed by Mr. Nelson in building the mills at the Falls, and the dam across the Connecticut River. Ezra and his family were very much attached to Mr. Nelson while residing in Ryegate. His daughter Polly, who married Aaron Hand, named her old-

* By Dr. J. M. Currier.

est son William Nelson, after the much respected early settler of Ryegate. Ezra went to Ryegate in 1795 or 6. In 1807 or 8 he left there and moved over into Bath and lived with his son-in-law, Joseph Annis, where he died March 23, 1825. His wife, Ruth, died September 25, 1834. They were both buried in a plat of ground south of a rugged ledge below the "Narrows," in Bath. Their graves were unmarked.

Ezra had the following children: Benjamin, Gideon, Samuel, Sally, Polly, and Betsey.

- i. Benjamin, b. 1773; m. 1st, Eleanor Howard; she d. leaving no chil.; 2d, Elizabeth Vining. They had one child, Anne C.; she d. in Winthrop, Me., June 7, 1843, aged 12 years. He d. in Wales, Me., in 1836. His second wife died in Litchfield, Me.
- ii. Gideon, b. 1778; was drowned in the Connecticut River, opposite Ryegate, June 9, 1800. At the same time a boy was drowned ten years of age, by the name of John Townsend, son of Timothy Townsend of Groton, and an adopted son of Ezra Currier. They were both buried in unmarked graves, on the bluff east of Dodge's Falls in Bath. Gideon was 22 yrs. of age; and was going to be married in a few days at the time of his death. On the 12th day of January 1800 he had bid off a pew in the meeting house at Ryegate Corner. Thus it will be seen that he intended to become a permanent citizen of Ryegate.
- iii. Sally, m. Benjamin Howard and lived in Bath, N. H., and Bangor, Me. She had eight children. After the death of Mr. Howard, she married Phillip Fisher, and moved to Bath, Me. The names of six of her children were: Isaac, Polly, Betsey, Gideon, Samuel, and Joseph A.
- iv. Polly, b. Sept. 25, 1780; she m. Aaron Hand, a farmer, and lived in Bath, N. H.; she d. in Monroe, N. H., Feb. 25, 1872, and was bur. in that town. Chil. William Nelson, Aaron, Abiah, Mary, Sally and Candace.
- v. Betsey, b. Oct. 15, 1788; she d. in Stoneham, Mass., Jan. 16, 1865 and bur. in Benton, N. H.; she m. Joseph Annis, and lived in Bath and Benton, N. H. Chil. (1) Eliza, b. Nov. 1, 1811; (2) Rachel, b. March 2, 1813; (3) Samuel C., b. May 27, 1815; (4) Cummings, b. March 6, 1819; (5) Perley Mason, b. Aug. 14, 1821; (6) Betsey J., b. July 7, 1823; (7) Gardner, b. March 2, 1825; (8) Ruth J., b. Dec. 13, 1827; (9) Mary H., b. Jan. 25, 1829; (10) William H., b. March 2, 1831.
- vi. Samuel, b. Nov. 17, 1781; he m. 1st, Elizabeth Hand of Landaff, N. H., who d. about 1810, leaving no children. He m. 2d, Rachel (b. June 27, 1793), dau. of David and Lois [Hunt] Annis of Bath, N. H., March 7, 1816. He bought a piece of land in Bath, lying upon the Connecticut River, opposite Ryegate of Webster D. Annis, March 2, 1802, and commenced work upon it. Subsequently he purchased several other pieces adjoining, including Smith's Mills on Hurd's Brook west of the Island. On this large tract of land he lived the remainder of his days, dying March 20, 1849. His widow d. on the same farm April 5 1875. When the British war vessels were hovering off the coast of Portsmouth in the War of 1812, he was drafted into the service and stationed in that city a short time. He was appointed a lieutenant of the 9th Co., 32d Reg. of the New Hampshire militia, Sept. 5, 1815; was promoted captain of the same company May 4, 1816; and vacated that command Aug. 12, 1818.

Children all born in Bath:

- i. Ezra Samuel, b. Dec. 13, 1816; d. April 5, 1850; un-m.
- ii. Serepta Betsey, b. March 11, 1821; d. at Passumpsic, Vt., Jan. 21, 1864; she m. in 1848 Clovis Arius Annis of Woodsville, N. H. Chil. (1) Austin Arius, b. Jan. 4, 1849; (2) John Harvey, b. Jan. 31, 1851; (3) Frank Alphonzo, b. Dec. 26, 1852; (4) Jennie Elizabeth, b. Nov. 26, 1854; (5) Erastus Leon, b. Oct. 16, 1857; (6) Flora Evelyn, b. Sept. 29, 1859; (7) Douglas LeRoy, b. Dec. 9, 1861.
- iii. David Annis, b. May 10, 1823; he m. Clara P. Skinner of Potton, P. Q., Oct. 30, 1865; he d. June 21, 1876, leaving no children.

- iv. John McNab, b. Aug. 4, 1832; he took a classical course of study at Newbury Seminary and McIndoe Falls Academy; and studied medicine under the tuition of Dr. W. A. Weeks and Dr. Enoch Blanchard of McIndoe Falls, Prof. Alpheus B. Crosby and Prof. Dixi Crosby of Hanover, N. H. He graduated at the Medical Department of Dartmouth college, May 11, 1858, and settled in Newport, Vt., July 16, 1858, and with the exception of about thirteen years his practice has been in that town. He studied law one year with Hon. A. D. Bates, then of Newport, but owing to his rapidly increasing medical practice he decided to give up his legal studies. During the War of the Rebellion he was examining surgeon of recruits at Newport. He was Surgeon-General of Vermont in 1872-3-4 on Gov. Converse's staff; Pension Surgeon at Bristol, Vt., in 1875 and 1876; president of the Board of Pension Surgeons at Newport during President Cleveland's second administration. He edited and published a scientific quarterly magazine, entitled the *Archives of Science*, in 1870 to 1874; also edited and published *The Vermont Medical Journal* at Burlington in 1874. He was many years a member of the following societies: The Vermont Medical Society; The American Association for the Advancement of Science; The British Association for the Advancement of Science; The Vermont Historical Society; The New England Historic-Genealogical Society; The Prince Society of Boston; The Appalachian Mountain Club; The Rutland County Historical Society; the Orleans County Historical Society and Life Member of the New Hampshire Antiquarian Society. He was elected an honorary member of the Vermont Pharmaceutical Society in 1873. He was m. to Susan Havens (b. April 3, 1838), dau. of John D. and Jane B. Powers of Woodstock, Vt., Aug. 8, 1860.

Children:

- i. Linn Powers b. June 8, 1861; printer. He m. 1st, Margaret Bothwell Ellis of Cambridge, Mass.; no chil; 2d, Emma Minnie, b. Feb. 10, 1879, in Holland, Vt., dau. of Wilson M. Allchurch of Barton, Vt., Jan. 16, 1906. Chil. John Allchurch, b. Jan. 16, 1907; d. Jan. 18, 1907.
- ii. Susa, b. June 7, 1867; she m. Oct. 19, 1893, Harold Charles, (b. in Woodstock, Vt., Aug. 24, 1868,) son of Charles H. and Loraine French of Boston, Mass. Chil. (1) Esther Currier, Dec. 18, 1894; (2) Eleanor, Nov. 13, 1904.

CARTER.*

ELIPHALET,¹ m. Jane, dau. James Matthews, q. v.

ORLANDO B.,² (Eliphalet,¹) b. Jan. 19, 1837; farmer near Barnet line; he m. July 4, 1858, Cornelia, dau. James and Sophia [Gilman] Wheeler.

Children:

- i. Abbie J. M.,³ b. Dec. 31, 1858; m. April 5, 1877, James Lamphere, who d. April 16, 1888.
- ii. Ella E.,³ b. Aug. 14, 1861; d. Feb. 7, 1865.
- iii. Hattie P.,³ b. Aug. 29, 1864; m. June 12, 1882, Frank Blain. Ch. Nelson,⁴ (Blain), b. Jan. 3, 1883.
- iv. Zylphia,³ b. Feb. 16, 1866; m. 1893, James Blain. No chil.
- v. Ella E.,³ b. Oct. 13, 1869; m. Oct. 25, 1893, George Blain. Ch. (1) Iona,⁴ [Blain] b. Sept. 10, 1894. (2) Theresa,⁴ [Blain] b. Dec. 3, 1898.

DARLING.

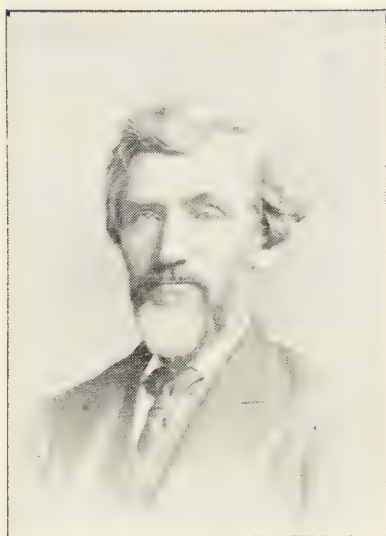
Mr. Miller says that this family came from Plaistow, N. H., to Ryegate; three brothers, Josiah and Jonathan who m. dau's of Job Abbott of Barnet, and Robards. After a few years they settled in Groton.

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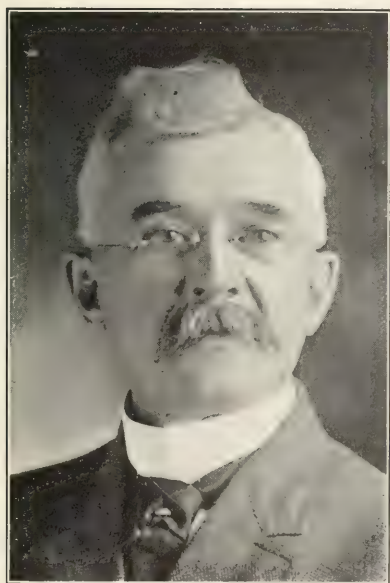
The children of Robards Darling, as given by Mr. Miller, were:

- I. DELIVERANCE, b. Nov. 16, 1785; m. David Judkins.
 - II. JUDITH, b. Sept. 1, 1787; m. 1st, Wm. Taisey; 2d, Capt. Norris Marshall.
 - 1 III. JOHN, b. Oct. 18, 1789.
 - IV. HANNAH, b. May 7, 1791; m. John Whitehill, q. v.
 - V. MEDAD, b. Aug. 5, 1794; lived in Groton, but rem. to Albany, Vt.
 - VI. DANIEL, b. Feb. 26, 1797; m. 1st, Lizzie Taisey; 2d, Betsey, dau. Jabez Bigelow.
 - VII. RUTH, b. Dec. 18, 1798; m. 1st, James Taisey; 2d, Dea. — Hodson.
 - VIII. SALLY, b. Sept. 23, 1800; m. Joseph Morrison, q. v.
 - IX. PHEBE, b. Sept. 21, 1802; m. Samuel Clark of Groton.
 - X. RHODA, b. July 7, 1804; m. Thomas Taisey.
 - XI. SUSANNA, b. Apr. 19, 1806; m. 1st, Ephraim Low; 2d, David Jones.
 - XII. LUCINDA, b. ———; m. Annual Vennor.
- 1 JOHN,² (Robards,¹) b. Oct. 18, 1789; m. Janet, dau. Robert Brock of Barnet, was a prominent man there; town clerk 1822-'37; town rep. 1834, '37, '38. Among his children were Dr. John B. (2) of Ryegate, and Jonathan Roberts of Groton (b. 1823), who was town representative, associate judge and state senator. The latter d. July 15, 1910.
- 2 JOHN BROCK,³ (John,² Robards,¹) b. Groton, Nov. 22, 1822; educated at Peacham and Phillips (Danville) Academies; began to study medicine in 1843, with Dr. Nelson of Barnet, later with Dr. McNab of McIndoes and Dr. Cobb of Peacham. Attended two courses of lectures at Woodstock Medical College, and two at Pittsfield, Mass., receiving diploma from the former in 1847; in New York City Hospital 1848, and had also a large experience during an epidemic of ship fever; also attended the private clinics of Drs. Mott and Willard Parker; grad. Berkshire, Mass., Medical Coll., Nov. 1847. While studying medicine he taught school winters, and did janitor work at college to pay his expenses. Began practice in Groton, and m. May 10, 1848, Margaret, dau. James Shaw (b. Barnet, June 29, 1828), a cheerful companion to a hard working country doctor. He went to California via Panama arriving in Nov. 1854. He found the wonderful accounts of success at the mines to be fairy tales, but was able to get home with as much money as he started with, and a great deal of experience, contracting Panama fever also. In practice at So. Peacham about a year; rem. to So. Ryegate, in practice there and identified as elsewhere related, with all its business interests till his death. His practice was extensive, he was often called into consultation, and considered very skillful in diagnosis, keeping abreast of the times in his profession and gave his skill and experience alike to rich and poor. He was proficient in music and was for many years precentor in the Ref. Pres. ch. at So. Ryegate, and one of the original members with his wife and five children, of the 1st or General Assembly ch. of which he was a liberal supporter. In politics successively an Anti-Mason, Whig, Free Soiler, and Republican; town rep. 1859-'60. He was in Kansas when the extra session of the legislature was called after the firing on Fort Sumpter and came home in time to attend it. His professional career began about the period of some of the greatest discoveries in medical science, he lived to see many changes in the profession, and ended his honorable, useful, and busy life Feb. 13, 1905.
- Children: The oldest b. Groton, the rest at So. R.
- i. Maria Phebe,⁴ b. June 20, 1849; m. Millard F. Sargent, q. v.
 - 3 ii. James Brock,⁴ b. Oct. 3, 1850.
 - iii. Isabella Shaw,⁴ b. Aug. 28, 1855; m. March 29, 1881, Charles W. Zastrow, (b. Baltimore, Md., 1860; now chief eng. in U. S. Marine Service, located at Arundel Cove, So. Baltimore, Md.) Ch. Dau. b. Dec. 29, 1881 and lived a few hours.
 - 4 iv. George Washington,⁴ b. Nov. 23, 1857.

- v. Horace Greeley,⁴ b. Apr. 17, 1860; dentist; grad. Phila. Dental College; in practice Lowell, Mass., Woodsville, N. H., and Springfield, Mass. He m. Feb. 22, 1886, Julia, dau. Henry G. Rollins (b. Newbury, Oct. 10, 1861.) Ch. Gladys,⁵ b. Sept. 9, 1888; stenographer at Hartford, Conn.
 - vi. Jonathan Robards,⁴ b. July 6, 1866; res. San Monica, Cal. He m. Dec. 7, 1898, Elizabeth, dau. Geo. N. Randall (b. Newbury, Sept. 2, 1872). Ch. (1) Brock,⁵ b. Sept. 24, 1899. (2) Henry Victor,⁵ b. Dec. 1907.
 - vii. William D.,⁴ b. Apr. 7, 1868; in granite business at So. Ryegate; hem. Nov. 30, 1882, Sarah Isabel, dau. James Holmes (b. Feb. 3, 1860). Ch. (1) William J.,⁵ b. Apr. 12, 1885. (2) Dick Richard,⁵ b. Feb. 11, 1888. (3) Ida Aldrich,⁵ b. Apr. 21, 1889; d. Aug. 28, 1894. (4) Lloyd Mil-
 - viii. Margaret Jane,⁴ b. Feb. 23, 1869; m. Geo. H. Roben, q. v. lard.⁵ b. Feb. 20, 1895. (5) Dwight Holmes,⁵ b. July 3, 1901. (6) George Clayton,⁵ b. Sept. 3, 1904; d. Nov. 6, 1905.
 - ix. Victor Emanuel,⁴ b. July 8, 1871; dentist; ed. Peacham, Acad. Three years course in Philadelphia Dental Coll., grad. March, 1895; in practice at Lowell, Mass., since that date. He m. May 2, 1894, Mary Cordelia, dau. Duane P. and Clara A. J. (Leach) Stacy (b. Lowell, Feb. 16, 1872). C. (1) Millard Stacy,⁵ b. Feb. 16, 1897. (2) Greta Margaret,⁵ b. Feb. 25, 1899. (3) Victor Brock,⁵ b. Sept. 8, 1902.
- 3 JAMES BROCK,⁴ (John B.,³ John,² Robards,¹) b. Oct. 30, 1850; ed. at Peacham Acad. In lumber bus. and trade with his father, conducted a branch store at W. Newbury, about two years, till burned out Feb. 21, 1888; rem. to Barre, clerk in a dept. store 10 yrs., in wood bus. since. He m. 1877, Alma, dau. Austin and Eliza (Gardner) Slye; b. Newbury.
- Children all b. in R. except the last.
- i. Henrietta Bernice,⁵ b. July 13, 1878; teacher 11 yrs. in Barre; m. June 27, 1906, Frank Odgers, of B.; d. July 10, 1907.
 - ii. Brock,⁵ b. June 5, 1881; d. Apr. 28, 1883.
 - iii. John Henderson,⁵ b. Aug. 4; d. Dec. 8, 1883.
 - iv. James Robards,⁵ b. June 17, 1886; took a bus. course at Poughkeepsie, and went to Cal.
 - v. Lawrence,⁵ b. Aug. 23, 1889; d. Aug. 13, 1901.
 - vi. Alma Jean,⁵ b. June 30, 1893.
- 4 GEORGE W.,⁴ (John B.,³ John,² Robards,¹) b. Nov. 23, 1857; studied medicine with his father and at the Medical Dept. of Vt. Univ., grad. 1882; in practice since at South Ryegate, with his father, and succeeding to his practice. He m. 1st March 29, 1883, Jennie Phœbe Somers (b. Barnet, Oct. 11, 1855; d. June 16, 1905); 2d, April 16, 1908 Ella Jean, dau. Albert Hall, (b. R. Aug. 6, 1863). The latter was for 27 years a very successful teacher in the public schools of this town.
- Children all by 1st m. and b. in R.
- i. Theresa Belle,⁵ b. April 20, 1884; ed. Lowell, (Mass.) H. S.; m. Garnet Charles Cowan, dentist, grad. of Medico Chirurgical Coll., Philadelphia (b. Linguinick, P. Q., Nov. 28, 1875).
 - ii. George Le Roy,⁵ b. Sept. 5, 1886; ed. Spaulding H. S., Barre, Vt., grad. Medico-Chirurgical Coll., Philadelphia, in dentistry dept., receiving the faculty gold medal awarded for highest rank in class for the 2d year, and Dr. Walter Starr medal for best examinations in Clinical Dentistry in senior year.
 - iii. Grace,⁵ b. Feb. 11, 1889; ed. Quincy (Mass.) H. S.; m. Dec. 27, 1910, Burnside H. Hooker of E. Ryegate.
 - iv. Charles Brock,⁵ b. July 31, 1891; ed. Spaulding H. S., Barre, Vt.
 - v. Jennie Marie,⁵ b. Jan. 24, 1894; ed. Spaulding H. S., Barre.
 - vi. Dewey Somers,⁵ b. March 22, 1896.



JOHN B. DARLING, M. D.



GEORGE W. DARLING, M. D.



G. LEROY DARLING. D. D. S.



DAVIDSON.

ROBERT,¹ b. Wigtonshire, Scotland, Oct. 12, 1800; m. there, Nov., 1830 Janet McCubbin. They came to America in 1870, and made their home with their sons till death; she d. Oct. 25, 1886. He d. May 10, 1887; bur. in So Ryegate cem. Robert Davidson and his wife, with most of their descendants have been members of the Presbyterian church.

Children all b. in Scotland:

- i. Robert,² m. Mary Ross. Came from Scotland to Ryegate, 1857, and lived where Andrew Buchanan now lives, rem. from R. to Grant Co., Wis., 1864, where he d. Feb. 26, 1907; she d. a few years before. Ch. (1) Robert,³ dead. (2) James,³ in Wis. (3) John,³ dead. (4) Jessie,³ in Iowa. (5) Mary J.,³ and (6) Martha,³ in Wis.; (7) Sarah J.,³ in Michigan.
- ii. Jessie,² lived and died in Scotland.
- iii. Martha,² lived with her brother Alexander after his wife's death, till she d. Sept. 23, 1906
- 1 iv. John,² b. Scotland, Dec. 29, 1837.
- 2 v. James,² b. March 31, 1839.
- vi. Alexander,² came to America. 1866; farmer in Ryegate, now lives with his son Robert in Groton. He m. ——— 1873, Isabel, dau. William Nelson of Newbury; she d. 1879. Ch. (1) Mary B.,³ b. d. 1905. (2) Wm. N.,³ lives in Barnet. (3) Robert A.,³ lives in Groton.
- vii. Peter,² came to America 1867; ret. to Scotland 1872, and d. there.
- viii. Agnes,² b. Scotland; came to America, with her parents; she m., 1873, Peter McDowell; she d. 1881. Ch. Charles W., Thomas P., and William R. of New York City, and Agnes, who res. in Philadelphia.
- 1 JOHN,² (Robert,¹) b. Wigtonshire, Scotland, Dec. 29, 1837; came to Ryegate with his bro. Alexander in 1866; he m. Feb. 28, 1869, by Rev. J. M. Beattie, Margaret, dau. David Bone (b. Dec. 15, 1837; d. Dec. 20, 1889). Lived in Topsham 10 yrs.; rem. to Ryegate, buying the Dunlap farm, where he d. Feb. 7, 1885, his death being caused by the kick of a horse; member of Ref. Pres. Ch., he being ordained an elder, Dec. 5, 1880; after his death his wife with four chil. under 14, carried on the large farm successfully.

Children:

- i. John,³ b. Topsham, June 13, 1870; res. in Barnet, wheelwright and other business; he m. by Rev. J. J. Hall, Dec. 18, 1896, Nettie, dau. Wm. and Mary (Smith) Ordway; members of Cong. ch., Barnet. Ch. (1) Margaret Lillias,⁴ b. Jan. 17, 1897. (2) Marion Alice,⁴ b. Apr. 10, 1905.
- ii. Jessie N.,³ b. Topsham, June 30, 1872; m. W. Lloyd McLam, q. v.
- iii. William B.,³ b. Topsham, Sept. 25, 1875; farmer on homestead; m. Nov. 27, 1902, by Rev. F. A. Collins, Maggie, dau. Robert Arthur, q. v.; members of U. P. Ch. Ch. (1) Arthur William,⁴ b. March 17, 1904. (2) Roy Lyle,⁴ b. Feb. 15, 1906; (3) Clyde Robert,⁴ b. May 11, 1907.
- iv. Robert J.,³ b. Feb. 4, 1880; res. on the Bigelow farm; mem. U. P. Ch. Sold their farm in May, 1910, and rem. to Alberta.
- 2 JAMES,² (Robert,¹) b. Kircowan, Wigtonshire, Scotland, March 31, 1839; m. 1860, Elizabeth Butson of Devonshire, Eng.; came to Ryegate, Aug. 31, 1860, in a sailing vessel, being six weeks and one day on the water; came to his brother Robert's; later, settled where he lived till death, Nov. 23, 1906; members of the Ref. Pres. Ch. at So. Ryegate; later, members of the Gen. Ass. or 1st Pres. Ch. in which he was one of the first elders and the last charter member. Mrs. D. d. Aug. 24, 1903.

Children:

- i. Mary M.,³ m. 1883, Forest E. Goodall.

- ii. James T.,³ m. 1886, Lillian E. Bliss.
- iii. William A.,³ on homestead.
- iv. Mattie L.,³ on homestead.
- v. John B.,³ m. 1895, Ida B. Wilson; res. Woodstock.
- vi. Robert,³ res. Woodstock.
- vii. Jessie A.,³ m. 1899, Simeon L. Muzzey; res. Carroll, Maine; d. Feb 21, 1911.

DICKY.

ADAM,¹ b. Londonderry, Ireland; was an early settler of Londonderry, N. H.
 JOSEPH,² (Adam,¹) b. Londonderry, N. H., Sept. 10, 1775; tailor; lived in Acworth, N. H., later in Orford. He m. 1st, Anna Barber, Aug. 27, 1798. 10 chil. She had two sisters, one of whom m. James Moore, q. v., and the other m. Moses Barnett of Barnet, who had dau's Ann and Emmeline. Moses had a bro. John, who lived in the Morrill tavern in 1833. He came to Groton, afterwards; rem. to Charleston, Vt., where his w. d. Jan. 23, 1831; ret. to Groton, 1832. Ryegate, 1834, where he m. 2d, on Dec. 6, of that year, Hannah, dau. James,¹ Nelson, widow of Wm.² Nelson of Lyman, N. H. She bought the Robert White farm and d. May 7, 1838; this farm is now owned by Y. D. Nelson. He m. 3d, Oct. 23, 1839, Elizabeth A. Grout of Acworth, N. H., (b. May 24, 1801; d. April 24, 1875.)

Two of his sons were Joseph and James.

- i. Joseph,³ b. March 29, 1818; went from R. with Matthew Roben and d. 1836, near Buffalo, N. Y.
- ii. James,³ b. Lyman, N. H., Jan. 15, 1820; rem. to Charleston, Vt., with parents; came to R., 1834; went to Ill., 1837; ret. 1841; m. 1st, Jan. 27, 1848, Elizabeth Ann, dau., Thos.³ Nelson (b. June 17, 1818; d. June 10, 1853). 2d, Feb. 22, 1859, Caroline, dau. Arch Park (b. Dec. 18, 1829.) Town rep. 1870; member Ref. Pres. Ch. So. R., one of 1st members of the 1st Pres. Ch.; elected elder Nov. 12, 1875; he d. March 24, 1893.
- iii. By 3rd. m. Joseph, b. 1847, d. 1866.

DICKSON.

This family is from Scotch Covenanter stock, and believed to be descended from Rev. David Dickson, a prominent minister in the time of the persecution.

- i. Robert,¹ b. Lanarkshire, 1756. He m. Jean, dau. John Anderson, a freeholder of Lanark, and rem. to Paisley. To them were b. two sons, Robert,² b. March 12, 1798, and James who d. y. His w. d. 1800, and he m. 2d Jean Lindsay of Clovernant, near Bridge of Weir, and sister of Andrew Lindsay who settled in Barnet. With his brother John and family who settled in Danville, Vt., they came to America in 1803. They left their oldest son Robert in Boston for the winter, and came to Ryegate purchasing 100 acres adjoining Barnet line, which, with extensive additions, is still in the family. He was esteemed for his sterling worth and was one of the earliest members of Ref. Pres. Ch. He d. 1823, and his w. with their sons and one or two dau's went to the Rock River region in No. Illinois, where the sons became men of some prominence.

Children:

- 1 i. Robert, b. March 12, 1798.
- ii. John, d. y.
- By 2d marriage:
- iii. Infant, d. y.
- iv. Margaret, m. James Sandelants.

- v. Daughter, m. Williams.
 - vi. Daughter, m. Kalen.
 - vii. Jane, m. William Gilfillan, q. v.
 - viii. Mary, m. Ephraim Somers.
- James and John, who are dead.

ROBERT,² Robert,¹ b. Scotland, March 12, 1798; m. June 3, 1819, Mrs. Carmichael, in Janet Lenny, dau. Robert and Margaret [Galbraith] Lenny of Balfour, a half sister of the sons and dau's of John Galbraith who had settled in Barnet. She was b. in Balfour in Feb. 1796; her husband d. soon after their marriage and she came to Barnet in 1818. She was noted for the excellent traits of her domestic, religious and social life; she d. April 24, 1851, and he m. 2d, Abigail, dau. Charles Weed of Topsham, who d. Oct. 27, 1877; he d. July 1, 1872. Farmer on homestead, prominent in town and private business; a skillful manager of men. He was a deacon and later, elder in the Ref. Pres. Ch. of Ryegate, and one of the committee which had charge of building the church at the Corner.

Children all b. in Ryegate:

- i. Jane Anderson,³ b. July 8, 1821; m. Elbridge G. Locke of Lyman, N. H., and d. at Titusville, Pa., some years ago.
- 1 ii. Robert,³ b. Jan. 28, 1823.
- iii. Margaret Galbraith,³ b. March 25, 1825; m. David M. Anderson of N. Y.; d. at Minneapolis. Minn.
- iv. David Symes, b. Jan. 14, 1827; went to California: m. there Sarah Frances Barnes, from Illinois.
- v. William John,³ b. Jan. 25, 1829; went to Cal., m. Jennie Barr of Rochester, N. Y.
- 2 vi. James Milligan,³ b. Feb. 6, 1831.
- vii. Christiana³ b. Sept. 10, 1832; went to Cal., teacher; m. Warren Coburn who is d. She res. in Cal. with her chil.
- viii. John Calvin,³ b. Nov. 3, 1834; went to Cal., m. Jane, dau, Wm. Caldwell (b. Sept. 28, 1842). 7 ch.
- ix. Mary Ann,³ b. April 29, 1839; m. Rev. Wm. Graham pastor of 1st Ref. Pres. Ch., Boston, 1860 till death about 1893; she res. W. Somerville, Mass. Two sons who are lawyers.
- x. George Edwin,³ b. June 25, 1841; d. un-m. Jan. 10, 1897, leaving a large estate.

Two who d. in infancy.

These sons have all retired from business with independent fortunes, and are prominent members of the churches with which they are connected.

ROBERT,³ (Robert,² Robert,¹) b. Jan. 28, 1823; farmer, first near So. Ryegate later and till d. on homestead; in Cal. awhile, was always lame; mem. of Ref. Pres. ch. and Supt. of S. S. several years. He m. Jan. 18, 1849, Elizabeth, dau. David and Margaret (Blair) Gibson (b. Jan. 21, 1826; d. April 18, 1910). He d. April 25, 1875, while the children were young; she kept up the farm and completed the house which he had begun to build.

Children.

- i. David Morrill,⁴ b. Nov. 6, 1850; in meat and grocery bus., San Francisco, Cal.; m. Anna Slack of N. Y. Ch. David M. and Edith.
- ii. Henry Morrison,⁴ b. April 16, 1852; in business and real estate, San Francisco; un-m., d. July 8, 1908.
- iii. Martha J.,⁴ b. March 20, 1854; m. John A. McLam of R. (see), Asst. Town Clerk, six yrs. school director, p. m. at Ryegate since 1889.
- iv. Margaret Jane,⁴ b. 1856; m. John G. McLellan of Watsonville, Cal. Ch. Bernice and Florice.
- v. Robert Knox,⁴ b. 1858; m. Jean McLellan of Greensboro, Vt., resides in Watsonville, Cal. 4 ch.
- vi. William M.,⁴ b. March 15, 1894; d. Feb. 19, 1902.
- vii. Clara E.,⁴ b. Feb. 10, 1860.

- viii. John C.,⁴ b. Feb. 12, 1862; resides on home farm.
 - ix. George Albion,⁴ b. July 1867; attended Dartmouth Col.; grad. from Bellevue Med. Col., N. Y., physician at Ogden, Utah; he m. Grace E. Dunham of Valley Springs, So. Dakota. 2 ch.
 - x. James Lenny,⁴ b. July 9, 1869; dentist in Montana; he m. Myrtle A. Todd of Chicago. One son, Joe. Robert.
- 2 JAMES MILLIGAN,³ (Robert,² Robert,¹) b. Feb. 6, 1831; fitted for college at Peacham Acad.; grad. Dartmouth Coll. 1853; Union Theo. Sem. 1857, pursuing part of both literary and theological course in Ref. Pres. schools; declined Greek professorship in Ref. Pres. college; pastor 3 yrs. of a Ref. Pres. ch. in Brooklyn, N. Y.; Sixth Pres. ch., Newark, N. J., 1862-'69; Goodwill Pres. ch., Montgomery, N. Y., 1869-'83; Thirty-fourth St. Ref. Dutch ch., N. Y., 1883-'89; Pilgrim Congregational ch., Providence, R. I., 1889-'94; East N. Y. Ref. Dutch ch., Brooklyn, 1894-1903; received degree of D.D., in 1883; Dr. Dickson has been a frequent and valued contributor to the religious press, has published sermons and addresses, and while pastor at Montgomery, N. Y., prepared a history of the "Goodwill Presbyterian Church," a work involving much research. Since retiring from active ministry he has engaged in volunteer work, and the organization of churches in the State of Washington. The summer of 1903, he spent in Europe with his daughter and has crossed the continent fifteen times. He m. 1st, April 7, 1858, Agnes A., dau. John Nelson, (b. March 20, 1837; d. Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 23, 1859). Two sons, Nelson of No. Yakimo, and Clarence H., of N. Y. 2d, Helen A. West of Brooklyn, N. Y.; one dau., Margaretta May, now Mrs. Warren Barclay Conrad of Centralia, Wis. There are now living about 100 descendants of Robert and Jane Dickson, in nine states of the Union. Not one has lacked in thrift, or failed of success in life, while those who have lately come, or are coming into active life are fully equal to any who have gone before.

DICKSON.

JOHN,¹ b. Ranton, Scotland, 1788; m. Sarah Johnston, b. Johnston, Scot., Oct. 2, 1790; his sister Jean m. John Gibson of Ryegate. Seven chil. were b. to them in Johnston. They left Scotland, April 19, 1837, on the "Tropic" and reached New York six weeks later, where they rem. till Nov. when they came to Ryegate, up the Hudson by boat, where they were met by John Gibson. They settled near the Newbury line, land now owned by A. M. Whitelaw. In the spring of 1855, their son Thomas, and Daniel A. Slye went to Wisconsin. In the fall, Mr. and Mrs. Dickson and dau. Agnes started for the west; near Niagara Falls while the train was going at high speed he fell from the train but was not seriously injured; they were delayed two weeks. Galena was then the end of the railroad whence they went by boat to North Pepin, Wis., where Agnes Dickson was m. to Daniel A. Slye on their arrival, by Judge O'Connor. They settled at Spring Brook, where she d. Nov. 29, 1860 and he d. Aug. 15, 1866. Their chil. were Robert, George, John, Archibald, Thomas, Mary and Agnes. Of the sons, only the two youngest ever lived in Ryegate.

Archibald,² b. Sept. 6, 1820, res. in Spring Brook; has been road. com. 20 yrs.

Thomas,² settled on an adjoining farm in Wis.; m. Margaret Hausman; was much in town and county bus. He d. Jan. 16, 1899.

Mary,² b. June 1, 1824; m. Wm. Whitcher; some years conductor on the old B. C. & M. R. R.; rem. to Spring Brook, Wis., 1859, and became a farmer. Five chil. of whom 2 are living—Frank of Sioux City, Iowa, in bus. there; and George, in grocery bus. Everett, Wash.

Agnes,² m. Daniel A. Slye, q. v.

DOE.

- i. Jacob,¹ b. 1734; d. in the Continental army; m. Sarah Neally.
- ii. William,² (Jacob,¹) b. Deerfield, N. H., Nov. 11, 1730; rev. soldier; rem. to So. Newbury, 1789-90; m. Joanna Hall; he d. Jan. 21, 1828; she d. July 20, 1840. Nine chil. All the Doe families in this vicinity and many others are their descendants.
- iii. Noah,³ (William,² Jacob,¹) b. Newbury, Sept. 3, 1799; rem. to Ryegate about 1835, and settled between So. R. and the Corner. He m. 1st, Fanny Bailey of Piermont. 3 ch. who never lived in R. 2d, Agnes, dau. James McKinley (b. April 26, 1801; d. 1875. He d. 1865.
- James M.,⁴ (Noah,³ Wm.,² Jacob,¹) b. March 20, 1837; farmer on home-
stead; m. Nov. 1, 1865, Isabel, dau. James McLam; he d. Jan. 28,
1901.
- Children all b. in Ryegate:
- i. Frederick J.,⁵ b. July 19, 1867; m. Sept. 16, 1892, Etta M. Aldrich, who
d. Chil. (1) Elmer F.,⁶ b. May 25, 1893. (2) Max E.,⁶ b. Aug. 13,
1896. (3) Pearl E.,⁶ b. May 9, 1899.
- ii. Isadore A.,⁵ b. June 11, 1869; m. Burton A. Hatt, q. v. She d. Dec. 18,
1900.
- iii. John Luther,⁵ b. Aug. 16, 1871; d. Nov. 14, 1874.
- iv. Marion,⁵ b. July 16, 1874; m. Robert J. Miller, q. v.
- v. George Albion,⁵ b. Aug. 15, 1876; res. Newbury; manager of creamery
there; he m. March 8, 1899, Abigail Armstrong. Ch. Howard E.,⁶
b. Dec. 20, 1899.

DONALDSON.

- GEORGE,¹ b. Markinck, Fifeshire, Scotland, 1811; came to America with
Richard Patterson who m. his sister Janette. They left Scotland Sept.
20, 1832, reaching Montreal after a voyage of nine weeks, walking
from Burlington to Ryegate. They worked one year in Ryegate, then
bought land in Newbury, where W. Patterson and son now live. Mr.
Donaldson rem. to Ryegate where he lived till his death, owning or
renting several farms. He m. 1st, by Rev. Wm. Pringle, Nov. 5, 1835,
Marion, dau. David Miller (b. April 8, 1809; d. Nov. 29, 1841). She
d. Nov. 29, 1841. 2d, July 21, 1842, Margaret Jane, dau. Campbell
Symes (b. April 18, 1842; d. April 25, 1854). He d. Sept. 29, 1855.
Admitted to the Ref. Pres. ch., Barnet.
- Chil. all b. in Ryegate:
- i. Elizabeth Margaret,² b. Nov. 27, 1836; m. Groton, by Kimball Hadley,
Dec. 30, 1862, Thomas B. Hall, merchant and in lumber bus. at Gro-
ton (b. Nov. 29, 1834;) she d. April 19, 1908).
 - Children:
 - 1. Henry W.,³ [Hall], b. Aug. 16; d. Dec. 12, 1869.
 - 2. Isaac N.,³ [Hall], b. Nov. 21, 1870.
 - 3. George W.,³ [Hall], b. March 10, 1874; d. March 23, 1882.
 - 4. Elizabeth M.,³ [Hall], b. Aug. 26, 1877; m. Jan. 28, 1904, Lee S. Blan-
chard of Groton.
 - 1 ii. David Miller,² Jan. 27, 1838.
 - iii. Thomas Martin,² b. Feb. 7, 1840; d. Jan. 1, 1844.
 - By 2d marriage:
 - iv. Agnes Jane,² b. April 4, 1843; m. Feb. 18, 1864, John C. Sinclair of
Haverhill, N. H.
 - Children:
 - 1. Bertelle Mamie,³ [Sinclair], b. Haverhill, March 22, 1866; m. May 29,
1889, Clayton Clark Foster of Bath, N. H.; merchant. 3 chil.

2. Horace Bliss,³ [Sinclair], b. Warren, N. H., July 4, 1868; m. July 4, 1892, Nellie Prince of Brookfield, Mass.
 3. Maggie Rilla,³ [Sinclair], b. Warren, N. H., Dec. 8, 1875; m. May 14, 1894, Almon N. Clark of Groton.
 4. Lena Belle,³ [Sinclair], b. Warren, N. H., March 13, 1883; m. June 15, 1905, Geo. N. Clark of Groton. 1 ch.
 - v. Abigail,³ b. Sept. 27, 1844, m. at Newark, Ill., Feb. 7, 1880, George S. Ahapin, who d. at Groton, Jan. 31, 1886. Ch. Josephine,⁴ b. May 27, 1882, m. June 11, 1907, G. Ernest Taisey.
 - vi. Jannet,² b. April 30, 1847; m. Dec. 30, 1867, Wallace N. Clark.
 - vii. Ellen,² b. Oct. 27, 1849; m. 1868, Manly Clark of Groton; d. June 22, 1900.
 - viii. Alice Georgianna,² b. April 8, 1854.
 - 1 DAVID MILLER,² (George,¹) b. Jan. 27, 1838; went to Lowell, Mass., then to Chicopee; in cotton mill; enlisted July 16, 1862, Co. A., 37th Mass., was in nineteen battles and several skirmishes, wounded at Fredericksburg, Dec. 11, 1862, promoted to be 1st Lieut., mentioned for special bravery at Petersburg, being at the head of 50 picked men who broke through obstructions with axes, turning the tide of battle; must. out July 21, 1865; policeman at Chicopee, chief of police and deputy sheriff at So. Hadley, postmaster at So. Hadley Falls; d. Dec. 25, 1899; he m. 1st, May 28, 1861, Emily A. Elliott, who d. Nov. 5, same year. 2d, July 19, 1862, Sarah B. Gaut, who d. Aug. 26, 1870, aged 24. 3d, Nov. 22, 1887, Louisa Smith.
- Children, by 2d marriage:
- i. Bertha May,³ b. Aug. 8, 1866; m. Jan. 24 1889, Charles Dana Hubbard.
 - ii. Claudia Mabel,³ b. April 24, 1868; m. 1st, Jan. 24, 1895, Frank B. Chapman. 2d, March 28, 1901, Warner W. Bradley.

DAWIN OR DOYEN.

JOHN,¹ b. Pembroke, N. H.; m. Aug. 6, 1805, Mary Rollins, b. in Rochester, N. H., who came to Ryegate with some of the Scotch people. He came to Ryegate about 1795, and owned a farm. He was of Scotch-Irish stock. Mr. Miller says he was a younger brother of Mrs. Alexander Syme. He d. in Newbury, 1814. John Doyen and Samuel Ingalls were buried on the same day and the widows of both were buried on the same day, 40 years later, in 1854.

Children:

- i. Hannah,² b. May 15, 1806; m. John Nutting and rem. to Shipton, P. Q.
- ii. John B.,² b. Dec. 8, 1807; m. a Miss White at Burlington; rem. to Canada, later to Indiana. Several children.
- iii. James,² b. Jan. 27, 1810; m. Angeline Foster at Burlington; rem. to Canada.
- iv. Mary,² b. Feb. 12, 1812; m. Abraham Nutting; rem. to Claremont, N. H.
- v. Sarah,² b. Jan. 20, 1816; m. Jan. 19, 1840, Robert Smith, q. v.

DOUGLAS.

JAMES A., son of Dan and Martha (Langille) Douglas, from Aberdeen, Scotland; b. River John, Picton County, N. S., Nov. 5, 1862. Blacksmith, came to R., 1890. When the present Presbyterian Church was built at the Corner, he bought the old church building which he moved across the street, and now uses it for a shop.

He m. at Waterbury City, Conn., Apr. 15, 1890, Lillian M. dau. James B. Collier from Eng. and Margaret A. (Rolfe) from Nova Scotia.

Children born in Ryegate.

Fredrick A., b. Oct. 24, 1891.

Gordon J., b. June 7, 1897.

DUNN.

JOHN,¹ b. Kilmarnock, Scotland, 1774; m. there Jan. 1, 1798, Elizabeth, dau. James,¹ Whitehill (b. Jan. 1773; d. June 8, 1860). They came to Ryegate in the same year (1798) when he bought land of James Henderson, which he cleared, and where they lived and died, now owned by Frank Page. He d. May 26, 1844; bur. in West cemetery. The five sons of John Dunn were remarkable for their great size and strength.

Children:

- 1 i. John,² b. Oct. 2, 1798.
- 2 ii. James,² b. March 24, 1800.
- iii. Elizabeth,² b. Aug. 1, 1802; m. Peter,² Whitehill, q. v.
- iv. Hugh,² b. Feb. 4, 1805; m. 1st, Joanna Paul, who d. Feb. 22, 1866. 2d, March 22, 1867, Lucina [Bingham], wid. of Wm. Whitehill, who d. April 17, 1883; he d. Oct. 6, 1882; town rep. from Groton.
- v. Mary,² b. Aug. 4, 1807; m. Geo. Smith, q. v.
- vi. Alexander,² b. Feb. 20, 1810; farmer on homestead; he m. by Rev. Jas. M. Beattie, Christian, dau. Alexander Holmes (b. June 5, 1818; d. July 24, 1883). He d. May 13, 1875. Ch. Christiana,³ b. Dec. 3, 1847; d. Feb. 12, 1907; m. March 7, 1876, Chauncey C. Page.
- vii. William,² b. June 3, 1813; d. un-m. March 18, 1843.

JOHN,² (John,¹) b. Oct. 2, 1798; farmer; he m. March 29, 1829, by Walter Harvey, Janet, dau. Wm. Page, (b. March 29, 1803; d. Sept. 12 1870.)

Children all born in Ryegate.

- i. James³ b. Jan. 13, 1830; went into the hardware bus. with J. M. Cramton at Rutland; prominent in banking and other bus. He m. Dec. 16, 1862, Frances E. Purdy of and at Manchester, Vt. He d. Sept. 6, 1889 at M. Chil. George,⁴ who died at 24; James,⁴ Frank,⁴ and Wm. Hugh.⁴
- ii. Abigail H.,² b. Oct. 26, 1831; m. John H. Welch, q. v.
- 3⁴ iii. Isaac P.,³ b. Feb. 19, 1834.
- 4 iv. Hugh,³ b. June 9, 1836.
- 5⁴ v. Alex. H.,³ b. May 20, 1838.
- vi. Charles C.,³ b. Ryegate, Feb. 20, 1841; m. June 16, 1869, Anna Jones. One child Oscar J. Dunn, b. ———. He d. Jan. 18, 1908.
- vii. Sarah J.,⁴ b. Ryegate, May 16, 1844; m. June 16, 1869, Edwrd D. Warren. Chil. Charles D.,⁵ b. Mar. 4, 1870; d. June 5, 1899. Edith L.,⁵ b. July 22, 1879; d. Nov. 6, 1909.

JAMES,² (John,¹) b. Ryegate, March 24, 1800; m. March 24, 1835, by Rev. Jas. Milligan, Nancy, dau. Alexander Holmes (b. Feb. 14, 1802; d. Groton, April 30, 1860); he d. Groton, Feb. 16, 1874; members of Ref. Pres. ch.

Children:

- i. James R.,³ b. Groton, Apr. 23, 1836; m. 1st, at W. Barnet, March 15, 1865, Eliza J. Plummer, who d. St. Johnsbury, Oct. 10, 1879. 2d, at St. Johnsbury, June 15, 1880, Lizzie M. Page. He d. Monroe, N. H., April 28, 1898. Chil. Rhoney M.,⁴ b. May 25, 1866. Eliza M.,⁴ b. July 4, 1870. William J.,⁴ b. Oct. 19, 1873.
- ii. John K.,³ b. Groton, April 15, 1839; m. in Groton, March 3, 1870, by Rev. Jas. M. Beattie, Victoria A., dau. William Whitehill (b. Arp. 23, 1848.) Member of Ref. Pres. Ch. No Children. He d. in Groton Nov. 19, 1897.
- iii. Nancy E.,³ b. Groton, Feb. 13, 1842; m. in Ryegate, March 9, 1876, by Rev. J. M. Beattie, Oscar J. Gibson, q. v.
- i. Frank James,⁴ b. Nov. 2, 1877.
- ii. Truman W. J.,⁴ b. Aug. 4, 1879.
- iii. Alexander H.,⁴ b. Nov. 21, 1883.

- 3 ISAAC PAGE,³ (John,² John,¹) b. Feb. 19, 1834; m. Nov. 12, 1857, Marinda J., dau. John,² Orr, (b Oct. 25, 1837; d. Feb. 4, 1905.) He d. July 29, 1900.
- Children:
- i. Lovine R.,⁴ b. Sept. 1, 1858; m. Francis J. Keenan, q. v.
 - ii. Laura J.,⁴ b. May 29, 1860; m. June 20, 1880, Fred H. Smith and res. Rutland. Ch. (1) Anna Laura,⁵ [Smith,] b. 1882. (2) Robert,⁵ [Smith,] b. 1885. (3) James F.,⁵ [Smith] b. 1888. (4) Jessie E.,⁵ b. 1890.
 - iii. Georgianna,⁴ b. March 24, 1863; m. R. Burns Abbott, q. v.
 - iv. Fred Isaac,⁴ b. June 25, 1869; res. Middlesex. Vt., not m.
- 4 HUGH,³ (John,² John,¹) b. June 9, 1836; m. by Rev. P. W. Fuller, Feb. 6, 1866, Lucinda, dau. David Welch of Groton, wid. of H. A. Lowd (b. April 15, 1833; d. Peacham, Dec. 31, 1903). They rem. to a farm in Peacham, near East Cabot. He d. Feb. 18, 1907.
- Children:
- i. Sarah Melissa,⁴ b. Ryegate, June 12, 1867; m. by Rev. John Bole, Oct. 20, 1897, John L. Frye, auctioneer of Danville, where she d. on the Frye farm, May 27, 1905. Ch. (1) George Harvey Dunn,⁵ [Frye,] b. Dec. 9, 1899. (2) Addie Lucretia,⁵ [Frye,] b. Aug. 3, 1901. (3) Alice Emma,⁵ [Frye,] b. Sept. 10, 1902. (4) Bessie Lucinda,⁵ [Frye,] b. June 1, 1904. The last mentioned has her home with her aunt, Mrs. Wm. J. White of South Ryegate.
 - ii. Martha L.,⁴ b. Oct. 24, 1868; m. June 1, 1901, Wm. J. White of So. Ryegate.
 - iii. William T.,⁴ d. Nov. 19, 1870; res. Plainfield, Vt. Not m.
 - iv. Alvin H.,⁴ b. June 5, 1873; res. Peacham, Vt. Not m.
- 5 ALEXANDER HARVEY,³ (John,² John,¹) b. Ryegate, May 20, 1838; in Rutland, a few years with his bro. James, bought a farm adjoining his father's, rem. 1900, to Peacham. He m. by Rev. J. M. Beattie, Aug. 18, 1863, Betsey Morrison Ricker (b. Sept. 29, 1832.) Members of Cong. Ch. Peacham. He d. at P. July 7, 1907.
- Children:
- i. Ira McClary,⁴ b. Sept. 25, 1867; d. May 5, 1879.
 - ii. Martha M.,⁴ b. Nov. 4, 1871; m. Harry E. Farrow, q. v.

DUNNETT.

In this work the history of the Dunnett family begins with Andrew Dunnett, who was born in Wick, Scotland, Dec. 16, 1816, and emigrated to America in 1842. He came via Quebec as far as Barnet, Vt., where he resided several years. It was in this town that he was m. in 1848 to Christian Galbraith. Soon after this he moved to Peacham, living there until 1858, when he moved to Newbury. In 1867 he came to Ryegate, which was his home until his death in 1881. Mr. Dunnett was a wheelwright by trade, but after his marriage devoted himself to farming. He was a prominent and active Christian man, being an elder for a number of years in the Reformed Presbyterian church.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dunnett, five in Peacham and one in Newbury.

- i. Jane, the eldest, married Lafayette Carpenter, who died about five years ago, and still resides in Ryegate.
- ii. Margaret, married Robert Meserve of Newbury and she died June 3, 1890.
- iii. Alexander, was educated at McIndoes Academy and the Randolph Normal School. He studied law with Nelson L. Boyden of Randolph, completing the course at the Law School of Boston University. He was admitted to the bar in Orange county in June, 1877, and commenced practicing law in Ryegate the same fall. In 1883 he removed to St. Johnsbury where he has since resided and where he is now in

partnership with L. P. Slack, Esq., the lieutenant-governor of Vermont. Mr. Dunnett is regarded as one of the state's ablest lawyers and is serving his second term as United States District Attorney.

- iv. Jeannette Alice, married Angus Campbell at Newbury and died about 1874.
- v. Clara, married Dr. John M. Gibson of McIndoes where she now resides.
- vi. George Henry, has lived in Ryegate since his early childhood and is one of the town's substantial farmers. His oldest sister, Mrs. Carpenter, resides with him.

DUNSYRE.

JAMES,¹ b. Lanark, Scot., was a shoemaker in Glasgow; rem. to Edinburg; m. Mary Roger, b. in Edinburg, where their ch. were b. and where all but two d. Came to America, 1803, with two ch., Margaret and James; lived two yrs. on the Downie farm; bought land of Capt. John Gray, lying e. of Robert Cochran's, owned in 1860 by Wm. Gray, where he d. 1832; she d. 1836; both bur. at Ryegate Corner.

Children:

- i. Margaret,² b. 1791; m. Sept. 17, 1807, by Rev. David Goodwillie to Capt. John Miller, q. v.
- ii. James,² (James,¹) b. Edinburg, Scotland, 1796; came to America with his parents in 1803; lived with them, and on the farm which his father bought of Capt. Gray; m. Oct. 28, 1819, Abigail, dau. Jonathan Page (b. May 1, 1795). In 1836 they removed to Danville; she d. there April 5, 1862, he rem. to Burke and d. there Sept. 2, 1876.

Children:

- i. Mary R.,³ b. Aug. 7, 1820; m; d in Marshfield, 1855.
- ii. James,³ b. Sept. 9, 1822; d. Danville, 1855; m. who m. 2d Frank Taylor of Walden.
- iii. Jonathan G.,³ b. April 14, 1824; m. 1st, Feb. 11, 1846, Mary S. Meader. 2d, in Waterford, Vt., March 30, 1861, Mary S. Ricker.
- iv. Josiah,³ b. May 2, 1827; m. at Newark, Feb. 25, 1864, Mary J. Ricker.
- v. William,³ b. Aug. 5, 1829; m. at Lyndon, Vt., April 20, 1864, Melissa Smith.
- vi. Sarah Ann,³ b. Sept. 18, 1830; d. March 11, 1833.
- vii. Robert C.,³ b. May 2, 1832; d. Jan. 23, 1836.
- viii. Quincy,³ b. March 10, 1835; d. Danville, March 10, 1854.

ESDEN.*

JAMES,¹ b. Paisley, Scotland, Oct. 16, 1759. His mother d. when he was born, and he lived with his grandmother till he was seven, when his father m. a woman named Taylor and he went home and lived until his father's death. His step-mother neglected him and he lived with an uncle who was a miller and a meal dealer, who taught him the business. His uncle died when he was 17, and he continued the business, opening a small store in the mill. He m. in Houston parish, 1784, Elizabeth, dau. James Neilson and entered the mercantile business in Glasgow, which proved very successful. Deciding to come to America they sailed from Greenock, March 10, 1800, in the Amsterdam packet for New York, in company with Abraham Whitehill and family and Walter Buchanan. They came via Hartford arriving in Ryegate, June 24th. He bought of Judge Cameron the farm afterward owned by William Renfrew and now by Frank R. McColl, also the Blair farm. His wife d. Feb. 25, 1829, in her 75th year (bur. in the West cemetery,) and he m. 2d April, 1830, Jeannette, dau. James Forsythe (b. Stirlingshire, Scotland, Feb. 22, 1811) he being 70 years old and she 19 yrs.

* By Mrs. Robert Edden.

1 mo. 8 days. In 1835, he rem. to Topsham, and d. Jan. 28, 1842, and is bur. there. His widow m. 2d, Wm. Warden, q. v. James Esden built a saw mill on his farm, to saw the lumber for his large barn; he introduced many improvements in farming, and some of his sayings passed into proverbs. In person he was six ft. in height, well proportioned and of a light complexion. He was long a justice of the peace, and known as Squire Esden. Member of Rev. David Sutherland's (Congregational church) at Bath, N. H., often going there on a Saturday, staying with the minister, returning on Sunday evening. The Esden farm in Topsham is now a pasture.

Children by 1st m. b. in Scotland, where the three eldest d.

- i. James,² b. 1786; d. y.
- ii. James,² b. 1788, d. y.
- iii. John,² b. 1890; d. in Paisley.
- iv. Jean,² b. June 21, 1792; m. William Renfrew q. v.
- v. William,² b. 1794; d. Dec. 3, 1814.

By 2d marriage:

- 1 vi. David,² b. Ryegate, Dec. 17, 1831.
- 2 vii. Robert,² b. Ryegate, July 7, 1833.
- viii. Jeannette,² b. Topsham, 1837; m. 1st, 1861, Joel F. Welch of Groton. One dau Evalyn. He d. Boston, 1872. 2d, 1880, Elliot J. Cawley of Haverhill, N. H. Res. Holderness, N. H., with her dau. who m. Curtis Burleigh.
- ix. James,² b. Topsham, May 15, 1840; m. 1862, Julia, dau. Oliver S. and Persis (Goodall) Flint of Bath. They lived on a farm in Peacham 35 yrs. He d. 1904. Ch. (1) Harlan J.,³ b. 1864; farmer on home-
stead. (2) Clara P.,³ who d. 1879.
- 1 DAVID,² (James,¹) b. Ryegate, Dec. 17, 1831; m. Oct. 3, 1857, Jane, dau. David Wright (b. Oct. 18, 1837), the 2d marriage solemnized in America by Rev. John Bole; farmer in Bath, 8 yrs., then in Groton; rem. to Ohio, and went into railroad business; rem. to Sidney, Iowa, then to Nevada where both d. and are bur. at Wadsworth; she d. March 4, 1899.

Children at time of her death:

- i. Estelle,³ m. F. S. Voorhees, mining expert at Blair, Nevada.
- ii. Henry W.,³ engineer on Central Pacific R. R. Res. Wadsworth, Nev. 4 chil.
- iii. Herbert D.,³ engineer on different railroads in the west; res. Wadsworth, Nev; 4 Chil.
- iv. Clarence J.,³ hardware merchant at Sidney, Iowa; 3 Ch.
- 2 ROBERT,² (James,¹) b. Ryegate, July 7, 1833; m. Bath, N. H., by Esq. Patterson, Jan. 24, 1860, Elizabeth, dau. David Wright (b. R. April 26, 1839.) Lived in Bath 8 yrs.; rem. to Peacham, and bought the Thaddeus Stevens farm where they still live.

Children:

- i. Corilla,³ b. Bath, April 6, 1861; d. June 27, 1862.
- ii. Carrie J.,³ b. Bath, N. H., Nov. 6, 1862; m. Peacham, by Rev. John Bole, Jan. 23, 1884, Wm. A. Ricker (b. Hardwick, Vt., June 8, 1861); drover and in banking business; res. St. Johnsbury. Chil. (1) Alice L.,⁴ grad. Smith Coll., 1908; m. Jan. 27, 1911, Philip L. Thompson of St. J. (2) Albert A.,⁴ grad. Dartmouth Coll., 1911.
- iii. Mattie P.,³ b. W. Barnet, June 6, 1871; m. by Rev. John Bole, June 4, 1892, E. M. Taft of St. Johnsbury; d. there Dec. 7, 1903.
- iv. Clarence R.,³ b. Ryegate, Aug. 6, 1873; m. June 1, 1911, by Rev. J. K. Williams, Mary Emily, dau. Russell Kinerson. At home.
- v. George W.,³ b. Aug. 27, 1874; merchant at East Peacham; m. Abbie Waterman of Thetford. Ch., Reginald.
- vi. Isabella,³ (twin to above); m. John H. Williams; res. Meriden, Conn. Ch., Parnel.

ESDEN.

JAMES,² son of James and Agnes (Renfrew,) b. near Paisley, Scotland, Nov. 12, 1809; came to Barnet when 21 yrs. old and the rest of the family followed. He m., 1842 by Rev. Thos. Goodwillie, Marion, dau. Wm. and Isabel [Galbraith] Gilkerson; res. Barnet, Wheelock and Ryegate. He d. Dec. 2, 1889; she died Ryegate, July 13, 1865.

Children: All born in Wheelock, except the youngest.

- i. James,³ b. Dec. 22, 1842; served in the 1st Vt. Cavalry till disabled by disease; ret. home and d. Ryegate, April 4, 1863.
- ii. Agnes,³ b. Jan. 1, 1845; m. Edward Rhodes, q. v.
- iii. William,³ b. Jan. 27, 1847; d. Montena, Ill., Dec. 8, 1866.
- iv. Annabelle,³ b. Oct. 14, 1849; d. Ryegate, May, 9, 1864.
- v. Margaret J.,³ b. Sept. 22, 1851; d. R., Dec. 29 1881; m. Theodore W. Smith, q. v.
- vi. Janet,³ b. Sept. 1852; m. S. F. Nelson. q. v.
- vii. John,³ b. Feb. 8, 1854; m. in Boston, 1877; 2 chil., both d. He d. 1893.
- viii. Mary G.,³ b. Passumpsic, Jan. 16, 1857; m. Henry J. Park, q. v.

FARROW.

SAMUEL MILTON,¹ b. Aug. 29, 1841; m. Barnet, July 2, 1867, Hannah Jewett, dau. James Hall (b. Ryegate, Nov. 1, 1842; d. Peacham, Apr. 30 1909); res. Peacham; members of Cong. ch.

Children:

- i. Harry Elmer,² b. May 29, 1868; farmer in Ryegate, owning the old Knight farm.; He m. Oct. 10, 1893, by Rev. J. K. Williams, Martha M., dau. A. Harvey Dunn (b. Ryegate, May 29, 1868). Members of Cong. ch., Peacham.

Children all born in Ryegate. (1) Ira Dunn,³ b. June 27, 1896. (2) Sidney Martin,³ b. March 25, 1898. (3) Theodore Glenn,³ b. Aug. 28, 1900. (4) Elmer Herbert,³ b. May 1, 1907.

- ii. Gertrude Eliza,² b. Nov. 16, 1875; m. Peacham, June 20, 1907, James Burton Renfrew of Groton (b. Oct. 20, 1868). Ch. Irma Evelyn,³ b. Groton, Apr. 2, 1910.

FARQUHARSON.

ROBERT,¹ (Wm. and Catherine [Glennie],) b. Strathdon, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, Jan. 7, 1853; limited public school edu., served apprentice, ship to the stone cutting and building trade. He m. March 31, 1880, Elizabeth Munro; started for America next day; in Quincy, Mass., at his trade 2½ yrs.; came to So. R., with R. F. Carter one year; in partnership with M. F. McDonald and with him formed the "Blue Mt. Granite Co.," afterwards agent 7 yrs. for Washington Life Ins. Co.; return to granite bus., supt. of Osgood Granite Co., which employs 100 men on Government work. He is a naturalized citizen, and has held offices. He m. 2d, Christy, dau. Alexander G. and Dora [Campbell] Morrison, who came from the Highlands of Scotland, and now reside at Hampton, P. Q.

Children by 1st marriage:

1. i. Robert Burns,² b. Quincy, Mass., Jan. 25, 1881.
- ii. William S.,² b. Quincy, Mass., July 14, 1882; owner the John Park farm; milk dealer. He m. Oct. 20, 1909, Minnie S., dau. James H. and Jane [Townsend] Hooker.
- iii. Elizabeth M.,² b. Ryegate, Sept. 4, 1884.
- iv. Catherine M.,² b. Aug. 20, 1889; m. Feb. 10, 1909, Malcolm McDonald; res. Somerville, Mass. Ch. (1) Dorothy Isabell,³ (2) Hector Arthur.³

By 2d marriage, all born in South Ryegate.

- v. Dora Annie,² b. June 10, 1896.
 - vi. Theresa Jean,² b. June 3, 1898.
 - vii. Christy May,² b. May 1, 1900.
 - viii. Marion Kerr,² b. Dec. 2, 1903.
 - ix. Margaret Ellen,² b. Aug. 28, 1906.
- 1 ROBERT BURNS,² b. Quincy, Mass., Jan. 25, 1881; ed. schools at So. Ryegate, grad. Norwich Univ., 1903, C. E.; ent. U. S. Marine Corps as 2d Lieut. Jan. 16, 1904; attended school of application for marine officers, Annapolis, Md., Feb.-Dec. 1904, graduating; on duty at N. Y. Marine Barracks; ordered to Culebra, W. I., with a draft of men on board U. S. S. Illinois, on duty there June-Sept., 1905; at N. Y. M. B., Dec. 1905-March 1906; com. 1st Lieut. in navy June 16, 1906; in recruiting service in Minnesota, Ohio, Georgia and N. Y., April, 1906-Sept. 1907; on duty U. S. S. Kearsage, Nov. '07-June 1908, making the cruise with the Atlantic fleet through the Straits of Magellan. and along the Pacific Coast; ordered to S. S. Washington at San Diego, in charge of marine detachment, July-Nov. 1908; on duty Mare Island, then ordered to Puget Sound with detachment; on duty at Honolulu, then at San Francisco; ret. to Vt., 1910, now on duty at Philadelphia. A self-made man of patience and perseverance. He m. at San Francisco, Jan. 2, 1909, Anna Wentworth, dau. Hen. T. C. Phinney of Montpelier. Ch. Robert Burns,³ b. Montpelier, May 11, 1910.

FINLAY.

JOSEPH,¹ of Scotch-Irish descent, came from Londonderry, Ireland to Londonderry, N. H., commanded a volunteer com. in the rev. war, which marched to Saratoga in 1777; m. 1st, Jane Taylor and had sons, Hugh, Samuel, and Robert, 2d, Elizabeth Logan, and had dau's Esther and Elizabeth.

HUGH,² (Joseph,¹) m. Jane Cochran. 6 chil. of whom Mary,³ b. 1784, m. as 2d w. John,² (Wm.¹) Nelson, q. v., and Joseph.³

JOSEPH,³ (Hugh,² Joseph,¹) b. Acworth, N. H., Dec. 31, 1796; m. Ryegate, by Rev. Wm. Pringle, Jan. 16, 1839, Margaret, dau. John,² (Wm.¹) Gibson (b. Jan. 18, 1804; d. Apr. 7, 1891). They moved from Acworth to Barnet (McIndoes 1856) where he d. Aug. 3, 1872.

Children all born Acworth:

- i. Wm. John,⁴ b. Oct. 9, 1839; ed. McI. Acad.; went to Cal. via Isthmus, March 27, 1869; in Cal. Arizona and Nevada; ret. July, 1877, res McIndoes with his brother.
- ii. Mary Jane Dutton,⁴ b. Sept. 12, 1840; d. Jan. 11, 1846.
- iii. Margaret Jennet,⁴ b. Jan. 11, d. Feb. 9, 1843.
- iv. Azro Joseph,⁴ b. Dec. 1, 1844; m. June 20, 1866, by Rev. Geo. M. Willey, Ellen Jean,⁴ dau. Wm. J.,³ (Robert,² Wm.¹) Gibson (b. Jan. 15, 1841). She was ed. McI. F. Acad., teacher; member of Cong. ch. McIndoe Falls; lived in Ryegate, moved to McIndoe Falls, Nov., 1876.

Children all born in Ryegate.

- i. Effie Agnes,⁵ b. April 17, 1867; d. April 2, 1881.
- ii. Alice Sophia,⁵ b. May 31, 1869; ed. McI. Falls and St. Johnsbury Academies; was m. by Rev. H. R. Titus, McI. Falls, April 12, 1899, Howard Lawrence Coles, M. D. (b. Brooklyn, N. Y., June 6, 1867, son of Wm. C., and Eleanor Jansen Coles of French Huguenot descent; ed. Cornell Univ., and N. Y. Homeopathic Med. Coll., one year in Germany. in practice at Tarrytown, N. Y.) Members of Ref. Dutch ch. Chil. (1) Howard Finlay,⁶ b. March 6, 1900. (2) Charlotte Ellen,⁶ b. Feb. 9, 1907.
- iii. Angeline Margaret,⁵ b. Apr. 23, 1871.



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FISK.

CURTIS B.,² (Curtis,¹) b. Newbury, Aug. 28, 1836; res. Topsham; m. Jan. 9, 1862, Margaret, dau. Walter Buchanan (b. R. Nov. 25, 1839); members of Un. Pres. ch., Topsham, in which he is an elder.

Children all born Newbury:

- i. Alonzo Bole,³ b. March 10, 1864; attendant at N. H., Ins. Asy., 4 yrs. Farmer on Galusha Hill, Topsham, owning the Geo. Eastman farm. He m. April 19, 1802, Mrs. Abbie B., widow of Freemont Minard of Groton. Ch. (1) Fanny Eva,⁴ b. Oct. 28, 1893. (2) Charles James,⁴ b. Oct. 19, 1896. (3) Alonzo Nelson,⁴ b. Nov. 11, 1901. (4) Roy Curtis,⁴ b. Nov. 23, 1903.
- ii. David Buchanan,³ b. Dec. 28, 1869; farmer near So. Ryegate, owning the Alexander Henderson farm, and other real estate; he m. Dec. 27, 1893, Clara F., dau. Hugh G. Gibson; members Un. Pres. ch., So. R. Ch. (1) Hugh Gibson,⁴ b. Apr. 15, 1895. (2) George C. A.,⁴ June 18, 1902.
- iii. Eunice Annette,³ b. June 8, 1879; grad. Wells River H. S., grad. 1900 from N. H. Ins. Asy. Training school for nurses; attendant there 1900—4; reg. nurse at Concord, N. H., 1905—6. Grad. 1908 from Polyclinic Hospital Med. Sch., nurse on childrens boat, New York to Oceanic, 1907; supervisor and teacher of nurses at State Hospital, Danvers, Mass., 1909 to date.

FLAGG.

REV. JAMES WESSON, b. Castleton, Vt., May 5, 1855; prepared for college a, home., and Phillips Acad., Andover, Mass. Grad. Middlebury Coll. 1878; teacher of mathematics and natural sciences in Burr and Burton Sem., Manchester. Vt.. 1878—'79; in Union Theo. Sem. 1879—'81; grad. Andover Theo. Sem., 1882; supplied in summer of 1880, 1st Pres. ch., Alberton, P. E. I., and in the summer of 1881 the Cong. ch., Sudbury, Vt. Pastor, June, 1882—1887 of 1st Pres. ch., So. Ryegate; 1st Pres. ch., So. Framingham, Mass., 1887—'93; Bethany Cong. Ch., Foxboro, Mass., 1893—1901; Pilgrim Cong. ch., Merrimac, Mass., 1901 to present time. He m. Aug. 20, 1884, Sarah M. Cushman of Manchester, Vt.; Ch. Marion Cushman, b. So. R., Aug. 7, 1885; grad. Boston Univ., and Lowell Normal School; teacher in Whittier School for young ladies, Merrimac, Mass.

FOLGER.

This family has long been extinct in this town, and the following record from Mr. Mason with a few additions by Mr. Miller, is given for the benefit of their descendants elsewhere. The dates of births and marriages are from the town records.

CAPT. BENJAMIN FOLGER of Nantucket ancestry, b. Charlton, Saratoga Co., N. Y., 1785; came to R. ab. 1815 and bought land high up on the westerly slope of Blue Mountain, on or near the "old road." The buildings are gone excepting an old barn and part of the orchard remain. He was quite prominent in his time, held office and was captain in the militia. He m. 1st, Sept. 28, 1818, Agnes, dau. James Henderson (b. Nov. 3, 1793; d. March 31, 1831). 2d, 1832, Martha, dau. Daniel Holt, (b. Apr. 19, 1803; d. May 17, 1852).

Children:

- i. Abigail, b. June 26, 1820; m. Austin Slye, q. v.
- ii. James Henderson, b. Aug. 16, 1822; m. 1857, a Miss Mears of McIndoes.
- iii. Thomas, b. Jan. 31, 1825; lived in Boston, in 1885.
- iv. Eliza A., b. Jan. 23, 1827. d. July 18, 1852.

By 2d marriage,

- v. Martha Maria, b. Sept. 23, 1832; d. Jan. 1, 1850.
- vi. Daniel, b. Jan. 30, 1834. d. March 23, 1836.
- vii. Harvey, b. Dec. 14, 1835; went to Cal.
- viii. Alfred B., b. Apr. 14, 1838; d. Boston, 1882.
- ix. William S., b. March 8, 1840; enlisted in the army in the Civil war, and never returned.
- x. Mary Jane, b. Nov. 8, 1841; d. in Boston.
- xi. Richard M., b. Aug. 29, 1842; went to Ottawa.
- xii. John B., b. Oct. 6, 1846.
- xiii. James, no rec.

FORSYTH.

JAMES,¹ b. Sanchen, Stirlingshire, Scotland, 1786; m. Janet Hasting of Thornhill, Stirlingshire, 1810. 4 ch. b. Scotland. Came to America, 1820, landed at Boston, lived at Medford five years, gardener; then came to Ryegate and hired a farm of John Nelson; lived there three yrs. and rem. to Topsham, where he d. June 4, 1861.

Children:

- i. Jennet,² b. Scotland, Feb. 22, 1811; m. James Esden, q. v. and 2d, Wm. Warden, q. v.
- ii. James,² b. Scotland; m. 1st, Wealthy Huntley and 2d, Laura Thompson; d. Trinidad, Colorado.
- iii. William,² b. Scotland; m. 1st, Mrs. Arthur Henderson; 2d, Abbie Bates; d. in State of Washington.
- iv. Susan,² b. Scotland, Feb. 22, 1820; m. Harvey N. Gates.
- v. Mary,² b. Medford, Mass., Dec. 5, 1820; m. Calvin Mills of Topsham; d. Jan. 5, 1897.
- vi. Ann,² b. m. Moses H. Randall of Newbury.
- vii. Robert,² b. Ryegate, May 11, 1827; res. Topsham, farmer and drover; he m. 1st, Avis Jones, who d. leaving one ch: who d. y. 2d, Adaline [Boyce] Jones, who d. 1910. Ch. (1) son, d. y. (2) Everett L.,³ b. May 17, 1870; grain dealer and town clerk at T. some years, now connected with the customs service at Derby Line. He m. Edith Taplin.
- viii. Jane,² m. Hiram Mills of T.
- ix. David,² b. 1831; m. Sarah Leighton; lived in Bath, d. Woodsville, 1910.
- x. John,² m. Jane Downie.

FULLER.

ORLANDO,¹ b. Newbury, Dec. 25, 1817; farmer in Topsham; m. Mary Jane Hamlet of Haverhill, N. H., (b. Aug. 17, 1822; d. Sept. 12, 1901). He d. Topsham, March 6, 1889.

Children:

- i. Caleb,² b. Topsham, July 5, 1845; farmer in Corinth; m. Diana Severance. He d. in C. 1910.
- ii. Alma,² d. at 2 years of age.
- 1 Benjamin M.,² b. March 15, 1849.
- iv. Ambrose,² b. Topsham, June 11, 1852; m. Jan. 22, 1879, Jane Colby.
- v. Emma,² b. Bradford, Nov. 29, 1856; m. Owen Delany, hotel keeper at Rochester, N. H. She d. at Rochester, Aug. 29, 1884.
- 1 BENJAMIN M.,² (Orlando,¹) b. Topsham, March 15, 1849; farmer in T. till 1894; came to R. and bought the farm of Wm. J. Nelson. He m. Jan. 11, 1877, Ida Jane, dau. Josiah A., and Lucinda (Gates) Keenan, (b. Topsham, Feb. 14, 1855).

Children:

- i. Maude Blanche,³ b. Topsham, Sept. 18, 1880; m. Sept. 25, 1902, George B. Steele, (b. Peacham, April 15, 1879). Ch. (1) Edna Mae,⁴ b. Ryegate, Dec. 4, 1903. (2) Burton Baylor,⁴ b. Ryegate, Aug. 8, 1905. (3) Ida Louisa,⁴ b. Topsham, Dec. 9, 1908.
- ii. Mabel L.,³ b. Topsham, July 11, 1885; m. Aug. 10, 1905, Dean Lawrence Turnbull.

GARDNER

HUGH,¹ b. Glenshinnock, Parish of Erskine, Scotland, in 1751; came to America and Ryegate in 1784. He brought two church certificates, one dated at Inchinan June 7, 1783, stating that he had lived there for six preceding years, signed by Archibald Davidson, Minister, and another dated at Houston, May 15, 1784, that he had lived for one year in the United parish of Houston and Kilallan, signed by John Monteith, Minister, and William Stewart, Session Clerk. He was long justice of the peace, and an elder in the Ref. Pres. ch. Mr. Miller says that Hugh Gardner was a cousin to Abraham and James Whitehill. His farm was that now owned by John H. Nelson, one of the best in town. He m. by Josiah Page, Esq., Feb. 9, 1791, Mary, dau. William Neilson (b. March 1772, in Scotland; d. Ryegate, Oct. 6, 1825, of consumption). He d. Feb. 1, 1815; bur. Blue Mt. Cem.

Children:

- i. Jean,² b. Nov. 7, 1791; d. March 31, 1853; m. Alexander Gibson, q. v.
- ii. Margaret,² b. June 10, 1793; d. Feb. 3, 1843; m. George Nelson, q. v.
- iii. Isabel,² b. April 12, 1795; d. Oct. 30, 1878; m. Edward Miller, q. v.
- iv. Janet,² b. May 30, 1796; d. March 20, 1873; m. James Whitehill, q. v.
- v. Agnes Nancy,² b. June 1, 1799; d. Nov. 25, 1883; m. James Peach of Newbury.
- vi. William,² b. Oct. 4, 1801; d. Oct. 10, six days later.
- vii. Mary,² b. Nov. 27, 1802; d. Feb. 21, 1886; m. William Whitehill q. v.
- viii. William,² b. Aug. 9, 1805; d. Oct. 15, 1879; m. Eliza Nelson; lived in Newbury.
- ix. Elizabeth,² b. Nov. 12, 1807; d. Aug. 13, 1881; m. John Randall of Newbury.
- x. Sarah,² b. Feb. 23, 1810; d. March 29, 34 days later.
- xi. Hannah,² b. May 29, 1812; d. April 1818.
- xii. Hugh,² b. May 29, 1812; d. May 1, 1869; m. Nancy Henderson; lived in Newbury.

The above dates are from the town record, but Wm. Gardner gave Mr. Miller the date of his birth as Aug. 9, 1803; and Mrs. Randall's Oct. 11, 1807. Hugh Gardner and his wife had 12 chil. and 83 gr. chil. Six of his gr. sons were named for him. He was one of three managers of the Scotch-American Co., who were elected after the resignation of Gen. Whitelaw. He was a man of high character, resolution and industry, who made an impression upon his generation. His main business was farming but he had been a blacksmith in Scotland, and was the first of the trade in this town. His death left his widow with a large family of young children, in straightened circumstances, and they were relieved by the liberality of her brothers from time to time.

GATES.

The emigrant ancestor of this family was Stephen Gates, second son of Thomas Gates of Norwich, Norfolk Co., Eng. He came from Hingham, Eng., to Hingham, in the province of Massachusetts Bay, 1638, in the ship "Diligent," with wife, Ann (Hill) and two chil. He settled in Hingham, rem. to Lancaster, where he lived in 1656, and later went

- to Cambridge, where he d. 1662. He was in the 10th gen. from Thomas Gates, Esq., of Higheaster and Thurstenbie, Essex, Eng., 1327. The successive generations are as follows: I. Thomas; II. William; III. Sir Geoffrey; IV. William; V. Sir Geoffrey; VI. Geoffrey; VII. Geoffrey; VIII. Peter; IX. Thomas; X. Stephen.
- ii. THOMAS,² his 3d son, b. 1642; m. July 6, 1670. Elizabeth Freeman of Sudbury, Mass. They lived in Stow, Marlboro and Sudbury, and in 1670 went to Norwich, Conn. 11 ch.
 - iii. JOSIAH,³ (Thomas,² Stephen,¹) b. Stow, Mass., 1682; m. Grace Rathbone, 1714; settled at Colchester, Conn. 7 chil., of whom Thomas was a corporal in Capt. Holmes' Co., Conn. militia.
 - 4 JOSIAH,⁴ (Josiah,³ Thomas,² Stephen,¹) b. Colchester, Conn., Jan. 15, 1722; lived in Colchester, m. a Miss Stevens; came to Newbury, Vt. very early with his sons Jacob, Jonathan and Ezra. Seems to have ret. to Conn., as he served as a private in Capt. Levi Wells' Co., Col. Spencer's Reg. 2d Conn., in the revolutionary war; at the siege of Boston, May 11, to Dec. 17, 1775; d. in the army at Orwell, Vt. Seven sons.
 - i. Reynolds,⁵ settled in Canaan, N. H.
 - ii. Abner,⁵
 - iii. Daniel,⁵ b. 1751; settled in New York; m. Sarah Moore.
 - iv. Josiah,⁵ rev. sol.
 - 1 v. Ezra,⁵ b. 1759.
 - 2 vi. Jonathan,⁵ b. 1767.
 - vii. Jacob,⁵ was a minute man in Capt. Thos. Johnson's Co., Newbury, 1775; served 39 days in Capt. Simeon Stevens Co., 1779-1781; seems to have d. in the army.
 - 1 EZRA,⁵ (Josiah,⁴) b. Colchester, Conn., 1759; rev. sol. from Conn., and in passing through Newbury, was left there sick; served in guarding and scouting, and was one of the guard at Gen. Jacob Bayley's house when it was attacked by Capt. Pritchard, June 15, 1782, in which he was wounded in the right arm; pensioner after 1783; kept the toll bridge at Wells River some years; lived awhile in Bath and bur. there, although he d. in Newbury, 1844. 1st w. unknown; 2d, m. Elinor, dau. Elihu Johnson and wid. of Lieut. Abial Chamberlin of Newbury. 3d, "the widow Deming," of Bath. He was a schoolmaster.
- Children not in regular order.
- i. Rachel,⁶ b. ab. 1783; m. Stephen Nelson of Newbury; d. Jan. 7, 1869, aged 86: (Cem. at Newbury).
 - ii. Betsey,⁶ b. ab. 1785; m. Moses Heath, q. v.
 - iii. Anna,⁶ b. ab. 1790; m. 1st, Curtis Johnson. 2d, Job Welton.
 - iv. Ezra,⁶ b. ab. 1792; m. Elizabeth, dau. Samuel Ingalls (b. Dec. 6, 1796). rem. to Iowa, 1855.
 - v. Hannah,⁶ b. ab. 1794; m. Robert Hodge, an Irish peddler, and rem. from the state.
 - vi. Mercy,⁶ b. about 1797, m. Nov. 20, 1817, Reuben Banfield, lived at So. R. Rem. to Whitefield, N. H., had two dau's who m. John and Peter Goddard of Bethlehem, N. H.
 - 2 JONATHAN,⁵ (Josiah,⁴) b. Colchester, Ct., 1767; came to Newbury, then to Ryegate in Feb. 1775; farmer, carpenter, wheelwright, and a raftsman on the river. Bought land where Samuel Clough, and later, John S. Clough afterward lived. He m. April 5, 1790, by Josiah Page, Jean, dau. Archibald Taylor (b. Scotland ab. 1770; d. April 26, 1803). Bur. in the "Old Scotch Cemetery" on Wm. McLam's farm. About 1805, he rem. to the w. part of the town and bought land of James Sanderson, where his son Moses afterwards lived, between Alex. Renfrew's and Claud Brock's; only the cellar marks the spot. About the same time he m. 2d, Marion Wallace, from Paisley, Scot., who d. May 15, 1853, aged 75. He d. June 5, 1853; bur. in West cem. Members of Ref. Pres. ch.

Children all by 1st marriage.

- 3 i. Ezra,⁶ b. June 27, 1791.
- ii. Mary,⁶ b. March 17, 1793; d. 1853; m. William Randall of Newbury. (See History of Newbury).
- 4 iii. John,⁶ b. Oct. 9, 1794 (by another rec. Oct. 4, 1797).
- iv. Jean,⁶ b. Oct. 6, 1795 (by another rec. Oct. 4, 1795,) d. April 30, 1834; m. Moses Hatch of Groton.
- 5 v. Moses,⁶ b. Dec. 29, 1798 (by another rec. Dec. 18, 1798).
- vi. Nancy,⁶ b. Dec. 28, 1800; m. 1st Hiram Work. 2d, ——— Martin; 3rd, Peter Merrill.
- 6 vii. Hannah,⁶ b. March 23, 1803; m. 1st, Hiram Woods; 2d, Ashael Burrington.
- 3 EZRA⁶ (Jonathan,⁵ Josiah,⁴) b. Ryegate, June 27, 1791; blacksmith. He m. ab. 1814, Elizabeth, dau. Abraham Whitehill (b. Aug. 5, 1788; d. Aug. 5, 1853) a few days after the death of her son Nehemiah. He d. Sept. 28, 1830. Members of Ref. Pres. ch.

Children:

- 7 i. William,⁷ b. Feb. 11, 1815.
- ii. John,⁷ b. ab. 1818; went west, and was drowned in Wisconsin.
- iii. Nancy,⁷ b. Sept. 1, 1821; m. John C. Page, q. v.
- iv. Moses,⁷ b. 1824; rem. to Wisconsin, later to Minnesota.
- v. Mary Jane,⁷ b. Aug. 14, 1826; m. July 4, 1853, in Bath, Valentine, s. of Caleb Morse (b. Haverhill, N. H., Sept. 29, 1810; d. Sept. 22, 1865). Lived in Newbury (Boltonville), d. ab. 1895. Chil. (1) Elizabeth M.,⁸ [Morse] b. March 26, 1855; m. 1873, George Bill of Hollis, N. H. (2) Mandana,⁸ [Morse] b. Haverhill, May 4, 1857; lived in Boston. (3) Ida Josephine,⁸ [Morse] b. Haverhill, April 16, 1859; m. May 1, 1876, Edwin R. Abbott of Boltonville. (4) dau. d. in childhood.
- vi. Eliza,⁷ b. July 13, 1826; m. March 14, 1850, Alexander Roy of Barnet. Ch., Ezra J., Moses H., John C., Elmer E. She d. July 5, 1868.
- viii. Nehemiah,⁷ b. July 1829, blacksmith; enlisted 1862 in Co. F, 15th Vt., d. soon after ret. home, July 31, 1863.
- viii. Maria,⁷ m. Wm. Arthur, q. v.
- 4 JOHN,⁶ (Jonathan,⁵ Josiah,⁴) b. Ryegate, Oct. 9, 1794; owned, cleared and carried on the 100 acre farm (now pasture) next north of T. A. Meader's; he also taught singing school, was a man of energy and integrity; at one time he went on foot to Ohio seeking a new home, and ret. on foot to Ryegate. He m. 1818, by Rev. James Milligan, Janet, dau. Alexander Holmes (b. May 16, 1800; d. in Groton, March 24, 1840). He d. Dec. 19, 1841. Members Ref. Pres. ch., bur. in the West cemetery, with three oldest daughters.

Children;

- i. Nancy,⁷ b. Sept. 24, 1820; d. Feb. 6, 1848.
- ii. Mary,⁷ b. July 1, 1823; d. May 1, 1845.
- iii. Jane,⁷ b. May 29, 1825; d. Feb. 6, 1848, seven hours before her sister Nancy.
- iv. James Milligan,⁷ b. 1826; d. Sept. 2, 1833.
- 8 v. Elnathan Johnston,⁷ b. Sept. 7, 1828.
- vi. Eliza,⁷ b. June 29, 1830; m. Edward Miller, q. v.
- vii. Christina,⁷ b. Aug. 27, 1832; m. 1st, Robert Lang, q. v. 2d, David Lang, q. v.
- 9 viii. James Milligan,⁷ b. Oct. 22, 1834.
- 10 ix. John,⁷ b. May 21, 1838.
- 5 MOSES,⁶ (Jonathan,⁵ Josiah,⁴) b. Dec. 29, 1798. Lived with his father, and succeeded him on the farm. He m. 1st, June 21, 1824, Eliza Willey, who d. July 12, 1826, leaving one ch. 2d, March 4, 1828, Margaret, dau. Robert Hall (b. May 27, 1799; d. March 21, 1884). He d. Dec. 20, 1889; bur. in West cem.

Children:

- i. Augustus,⁷ b. May 14, 1825; d. 1853.

By 2d marriage:

- ii. Eliza Jane,⁷ b. Dec. 15, 1828; m. Archibald Caldwell, q. v.
 iii. Lucinda,⁷ b. Oct. 7, 1830; m. Josiah Keenan, q. v.
 iv. Michael,⁷ b. Feb. 22, 1832; d. March 28, 1846.
 v. Zerviah,⁷ b. June 26, 1833; d. Jan. 14, 1910; m. June 5, 1856, Harvey N. Clark of Cabot. Ch., Mantie, who m. Frank Palmer of Danville. 1 ch., Ray.
 vi. Benjamin F.,⁷ b. Feb. 20, 1825. Res. Mountain View, Iowa. Ch. Mabel, m. a Mr. Stricklett.
 vii. Flora,⁷ b. Nov. 19, 1836; m. 1860, Reuben Clark of Cabot and rem. to Barre. Ch. (1) Evalyn, who m. Frank Fisher of Barre; 2 ch. (2) Edna, grad. Emerson Sch. of Oratory, cl. of 1893; d. same yr.
 viii. Calvin Knox,⁷ b. Oct. 13, 1838; en. as private, Co. I, 9th Vt., dis. d. of disease contracted in the army, Oct. 27, 1864; bur. West cem.
 ix. Clara,⁷ b. Jan. 27, 1841; m. Jackson P. Miller, q. v.
 x. Robert Hall,⁷ b. Dec. 14, 1842; res. So. Ryegate, carpenter; session clerk, Ref. Pres. ch. He m. 1st, Mar. 23, 1870, Sophronia, dau. John McLam (b. March 23, 1852; d. July, 1874). 2d, Dec. 8, 1881, Nancy (Smith) widow of David Bone. Ch. (1) Mary Sophronia,⁸ b. May 25, 1883; teacher at Newbury; m. May 25, 1908, Geo. Leon Tyler of W. Newbury. Ch., George Robert,⁹ [Tyler] b. March 1, 1909. (2) Ruth Anne,⁸ b. Aug. 20, 1889.
 xi. Scott L.,⁷ b. May 13, 1846; m. Nov. 1872, Helen McLaren of Barnet. Ch. (1) Geo McLaren⁸, res. Barre. (2) Ernest⁸, res. Schenectady, N. Y., m. Mrs. Annie Hall, who d. Feb. 13, 1910; twin daus. b. Feb. 10, 1910.

- 6 HANNAH,⁶ (Jonathan,⁵ Josiah,⁴) b. R. March 23, 1805; m. 1st, April 27, 1830; Hiram Woods. 2d, Ashael Burrington of Greensboro, Vt, Lived in Groton; she d. Jan. 8, 1854.

Children all by first marriage:

- i. Mary Jane,⁷ [Woods] b. May 19, 1832; m. William Wilson; d. Nov. 25, 1882. One dau., m. John Davidson, q. v.
 ii. Eunice T.,⁷ [Woods] b. May 25, 1835; m. E. G. Lind of Ryegate, q. v., d. 1907.
 iii. John T.,⁷ [Woods] b. July 28, 1836
 iv. Hiram T.,⁷ [Woods] b. Oct. 25, 1838; m. Rosina Darling.
 v. Roxanna B.,⁷ [Woods] b. April 14, 1840; d. Nov. 16; 1847.
 7 WILLIAM,⁷ (Ezra,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Josiah,⁴) b. Ryegate, Feb. 11, 1815; carpenter and mill-wright. Went to Plainfield, Ill., 1838, and m. Jan. 1, 1840, Maranda, dau. Dea. Benjamin Fowler, from Woodbury, Vt. Rem. to Rochester, Ill., same yr., farmer, also builder; held public office, being assessor for his town 31 yrs. He d. April 15, 1892; she d. Jan. 7, 1904.

Children:

- i. John,⁸ b. Feb. 6, 1840; d. Nov. 1851.
 ii. Louisa,⁸ b. Feb. 15, 1843; m. Jan. 1, 1863, B. F. Hewitt, who d. June 11, 1905. Ch. (1) Nellie M.,⁹ [Hewitt] b. May 16, 1868; m. Joseph Chessman. (2) William Gates,⁹ [Hewitt] b. April 7, 1871; d. May 10, 1903. 1 son. (3) Frank E.,⁹ [Hewitt] b. June 12, 1876. (4) Louisa M.,⁹ [Hewitt] b. June 12, 1876; d. April 18, 1891. (5) Abbie J.,⁹ [Hewitt] b. Nov. 11, 1879; m. Mr. Shaub. 2 ch. (6) Linda E.,⁹ [Hewitt] b. June 5, 1882; m. R. Vaugh.
 8 ELNATHAN JOHNSTON,⁷ (John,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Josiah,⁴) b. Sept. 7, 1828; rem. to Rochester, Minn., where he d. May 24, 1904. He m. Jane Waldron of Venice, N. Y., farmer and mechanic; invented and patented the "Gates Hoe"

Children:

- i. Ann Eliza,⁸ b. Oct. 15, 1856; m. Jan. 4, 1875, Martin Boardman; farmer, Warner, So. Dak. She d. Jan. 22, 1896. Ch. (1) Ella Jane,⁹ [Boardman] b. Jan. 18, 1876. (2) Archie Guy,⁹ [Boardman] b. Nov. 4, 1878. (3) Alice,⁹ [Boardman] b. May 24, 1891. (4) Helen,⁹ [Boardman] b. March 16, 1893.
 - ii. John W.,⁸ b. Rochester, Minn., March 31, 1858; res. R., coal dealer. He m. March 20, 1883, Ella M., dau. James M. Gates.⁷ Members of Christian ch. Ch. (1) Lloyd Leonard,⁹ b. June 21; d. Nov. 8, 1886. (2) Elnathan Vernon,⁹ b. Feb. 5, 1888; ed. Minn. Univ. (3) Anna Lola,⁹ b. March 21, 1890. (4) Leon Leonard⁹ b. June 10, 1892.
 - iii. Frank M.,⁸ b. May 4, 1861; grad. Law Dept., Mich. Univ. Traveled much, and is supposed to have d. in So. Am.
 - iv. Arthur E.,⁸ b. April 19, 1863; res. Madison, So. Dak., manager of grain elevator and station agent. He m. Nov. 1886, Sue Babcock. Ch. Glen Everett,⁹ b. July 6, 1882.
 - v. George Burt,⁸ b. 1864; res. Madison, So. Dak., R. R. conductor; m. 1st, April 3, 1889, Grace Sweet, who d. March 25, 1896. He m. 2d, May 28, 1898, Florence Santee. Ch. by 1st m. (1) Adabelle,⁹ b. Jan. 2, 1887. (2) Flossie L.,⁹ b. June 2, 1891. (3) Elnathan J.,⁹ b. June 22, 1893. (4) Blanche G.,⁹ b. April 25, 1895. By 2d m. (5) Elizabeth J.,⁹ b. Aug. 16, 1905. (6) Marion,⁹ b. Dec. 16, 1907.
 - vi. Harvey L.,⁸ res. Rochester, Minn., jeweler, insurance and real estate; m. Dec. 1889, Martha Lamb. Ch. (1) Gladys,⁹ d. 1893. (2) Clifford C.,⁹ b. Jan. 11, 1894. (3) Howard M.,⁹ b. March 6, 1903. (4) Leonard,⁹ b. March 2, 1907.
 - vii. Fred,⁸ b. Dec. 1868; d. Oct. 17, 1869.
 - viii. Joseph A.,⁸ b. Sept. 9, 1871; res. Kenyon, Minn. Physician; twice rep in legislature. He m. June 10, 1896, Jennie Clark. Ch. (1) Elnathan C.,⁹ b. June 23, 1897. (2) Russell,⁹ b. Oct. 18, 1898. (3) Nellie J.,⁹ b. July 31, 1902. (4) Joseph,⁹ b. May, 1906. (5) Jennie,⁹ b. July, 1907.
 - ix. Thomas H.,⁸ res. Rochester, Minn., optician and jeweler; m. June, 1902, Mattie Holt. Ch. Gertrude L.,⁹ b. July 17, 1905.
 - x. Martha,⁸ d. 1881, aged 6 yrs.
- 9 JAMES MILLIGAN,⁷ (John,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Josiah,⁴) b. Oct. 22, 1834. Reared in family of Miller Craig, after death of parents; rem. to Pickwick, Minn. Farmer, beekeeper, and member of school board. He m. Nov. 13, 1858, Adelaide Outhouse, (b. Kenosha Co., Wis., 1842; d. Mar. 7, 1911.)

Children:

- i. Ella,⁸ b. Richmond, Minn., Aug. 23, 1859; m. March 20, 1883, John W.,⁷ (Elnathan J.,⁶) Gates.
 - ii. Anna,⁸ b. Richmond, March 29, 1862; dressmaker; m. March 26, 1891, Ernest Gross, farmer (b. Nov. 8, 1868). Res. Pickwick, Minn.; baptists. Ch. (1) Albion Otis,⁹ [Gross] b. Apr. 28, 1892. (2) Alta May,⁹ [Gross] b. March 25, 1897. (3) James Milton,⁹ [Gross] b. Oct. 21, 1899.
 - iii. Charles Albert,⁸ b. Aug. 11, 1868; grad. 1888, Fowler and Wells Phrenological Institute, New York. Farmer, and lecturer on phrenology; res. Pickwick, Minn. He m. Dec. 25, 1890, Belle Umberger. Ch. son b. Apr. 1905; d. a week later.
 - iv. Frederic William,⁸ b. Feb. 25, 1872; grad. Minn. Normal Sch., 1895, Wis. Univ., 1899; M. A. from Univ. of Minn., 1907; member of Sigma X Soc. Prin. High School at Rochester, Minn., 1899-1905; Instructor of mathematics in North side High School, Minneapolis. He m. Aug. 25, 1898, Mary Hatch (b. March 1, 1874), grad. Minn. State Normal Sch., 1894. Members of Pres. ch. Ch. (1) Helen Ruth,⁹ b. Sept. 27, 1901. (2) Alice Maurine,⁹ b. June 15, 1907.
- 10 JOHN,⁷ (John,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Josiah,⁴) b. Groton, May 21, 1838; parents d. before he was three yrs. old; lived with relatives, then with his uncle,

James Holmes 20 yrs. He m. 1st Feb. 20, 1868, Eliza, dau. Isaiah and Rachel (Orr) Emery (b. Feb. 16, 1848; d. April 23, 1880). Lived in Peacham 5 yrs., rem. to Boston 1872, lamplighter in the Back Bay Dist., 5 yrs. Ret. to R. 1877 and bought the old Holmes farm; farmer and mechanic; ruling elder in Ref. Pres. ch., Barnet. Hem 2d, June 15, 1881, Maria, dau. Wm. Caldwell.

Children by 1st marriage:

- i. John Nelson,⁸ b. Peacham, March 22, 1869; res. Los Angeles, Cal., bridge builder, So. Pac. R. R., also in mail service. He m. at Pomona, Cal., June 5, 1895, Ida Mary Brown. Ch. (1) Ruth,⁹ b. 1896. (2) Norman⁹ b. 1899.
- ii. Infant, b. and d. 1872.
- iii. Herbert Loren,⁹ b. Boston, June 3, 1874; d. Oct. 11, 1875.

There was also an Elnathan Johnston Gates who lived in Ryegate, and was m. at Newbury, March 31, 1801, by Rev. Nathaniel Lambert to Mary Johnston. Mr. Miller does not seem to know how he was related to the family. Other members of the Gates family in R., whose precise connection with it is not known were Sally, who m. Sept. 18, 1799, Stephen Meader, and Mrs. Sarah Gates who m. March 15, 1792, Nicholas Chamberlin.

GEBBIE.

GEORGE, son of John and Elizabeth (Patterson) Gebbie, (who were both born in Scotland, and were the parents of eight children) b. Greensboro, Vt., May 9, 1856. He m., Oct. 2, 1883, Sarah A. Anderson of Crafts-bury. Chil. Hugh M., John W., and Lois S., all living. Mrs. Gebbie d. Apr. 13, 1893. He came to R., Nov. 10, 1896, and m. 2d., Apr. 19, 1899, Arabella, dau. J. H. Symes. They settled on the Robert Miller farm, which was formerly that of Alexander Miller, Sr.

Children:

- i. Infant, b. and d., Dec. 25, 1900.
- ii. Emily S., b. Dec. 17, 1901.
- iii. Phebe E. b. Apr. 27, 1903.
- iv. Annie M., b. Feb. 16, 1905.
- v. George T. Jr., b. May 31, 1907.

GEORGE.

JOHN, of English descent, came from Hopkinton, N. H., with his wife and 15 chil. and settled in Topsham, in a part of the town now called George Hill where two more chil. were b. to them. They were a very active enterprising family, and their descendants are widely scattered.

EDMUND,² (John¹,) settled on the farm now owned by Duncan McKay in Topsham erecting a log house on the other side of the road from the present buildings and where all the children were born, and in which he lived at the time of his death. Farmer and drover, going to Boston several times a year with droves of cattle and sheep. When past 84 his mind failed; he imagined himself still a drover and one cold night wandered from home and was found after several hours search, frozen to death. The name of his wife was Joanna Flanders.

WILLIAM THOMPSON,³ (Edmund,² John¹) b. Topsham, June 18, 1818, removing to Topsham village in 1856. Farmer on homestead, Auctioneer, Constable, High Sheriff of Orange County, Town Representative, and State Senator, Collector of Internal Revenue, and while holding that office, captured no fewer than 15 illicit stills for making whiskey and brandy. While engaged in searching for a still in Corinth, he was shot at by a man by name of Wilson. Republican in politics and a

very strong temperance man. He was m. by Rev. Stillman Morgan, Mar., 12, 1842 to Harriet B. dau. Charles Weed, (b. Dec. 4, 1816; d. Ryegate, May 30, 1903.) He d. at Topsham, May, 14, 1883.

Children all born in Topsham:

- i. Alvah Sawyer,⁴ b. Nov. 29, 1851; m. at Corinth, Vt., March 31, 1877, Rosa B., dau. Albert Smith.
- ii. William Thompson,⁴ b. Oct. 19, 1853. q. v.
- iii. Charles Edward,⁴ b. Dec. 8, 1856. Res. in Boston, in wholesale grocery store

Wm. T.,⁴ (Wm. T.,³ Edward,² John.¹) b. Topsham, Oct. 19, 1853. Common school ed and one term at Bradford Academy. Clerk in store of Duncan Stewart, Topsham, then two years with A. H. Bailey at Montpelier. In store of G. L. Hall, So. Ryegate, 1879-84. Manager of the Granite Works store, clerk for P. Gibson and Son two years, then learned the trade of granite polisher; in partnership with Wm. Terry and A. T. Gay, three years, then with Mr. Terry till May 1, 1901. Manager of feed store for E. Forsyth, Proprietor of same since Feb. 1, 1904. Has held town offices, also has been employed in the settlement of estates. Member of Ref. Pres. ch. since 1880. Ord. Elder, March 24, 1889, clerk and treasurer 15 years. He m. at Topsham by Rev. J. C. K. Faris, Oct. 29, 1884, Maila T., dau. Calvin Mills, b. Topsham, Jan. 19, 1854, (Teacher in Topsham and Newbury, clerk in store in Manchester, N. H. Member some years Ref. Pres. Ch.)

GIBSON.

ROBERT GIBSON, of Scotch birth or parentage, farmer in County Down, Ireland, was educated at Glasgow University as were his sons, William, Patrick and James.

*WILLIAM,¹ son of Robert and Joanna (McWhirr) b. Knockbracken, Co. Down, Ireland, July 1, 1753, was graduated at Glasgow, Univ., 1775, and settled over a Presbyterian congregation in Ireland, but being implicated in the Irish rebellion, came to America in 1794. He was the first settled minister in Ryegate, being installed over the Reformed Presbyterian congregation July 10, 1799, and resigned April 13, 1815. For an account of his ministry, see Chap. XIV. Mr. Gibson was a man of fine appearance in the pulpit, a profound theologian, and a fine classical scholar. His farm, which was purchased from the widow of John Ritchie was sold Nov. 2, 1818, by Robert Whitelaw, agent to Rev. James Milligan and by him to John Hall in the next year, and by Hall to Josiah Quint in 1858, the latter selling it in 1862 to Hugh G. Miller. During the first year of his ministry he lived in the family of James Whitehill. When the first Reformed Presbyterian Synod was constituted at Philadelphia, in May 1809, Mr. Gibson was made moderator, and was intrusted with much of the work of organizing the Covenanting churches. He was very influential in inducing young ministers in the north of Ireland to come to America and several clergymen who afterward became very prominent, were thus brought here. Mr. Miller says that in his younger days he was spoken of by old people as Priest Gibson. Ins. over the Ref. Pres. congregation at Canonsburgh, Pa., Oct. 13, 1817, and dismissed 1831, residing in Philadelphia, occasionally preaching until near his death in New York City, Oct. 15, 1838, in his 85th year. In person he was tall and robust, possessing a clear and very distinct utterance. He m. in Ireland, 1787, Rebecca, dau. John and Jennie (Trobridge) Mitchell, who d. at Philadelphia, Aug. 14, 1835.

Children; the 4 oldest b. in Ireland, the others in Ryegate.

*The authorities for the sketches of Rev. Wm. Gibson's descendants are, the Life of Col. David Jameson and various biographies and other works, including Sprague's "Annals of the American Pulpit."

- 1 i. John,² b. 1790.
- 2 ii. Robert,² b. Oct. 1, 1793.
- iii. William,² d. young.
- iv. Jane,² never m.; lived with her sister Rebecca in Baltimore and Philadelphia, but d. Paterson, N. J.
- v. Susannah,² b. Ryegate, Oct. 2, 1800; m. an architect named Algeo of Pittsburgh, Pa., and went to Miss. A son became mayor of Beaver Falls, Pa.
- vi. Mary,² b. Oct. 26, 1803; m. James Scott of Beaver Co., Pa., d. 1869. 3 chil.
- vii. Rebecca,² b. Sept. 26, 1804; never m., d. Paterson, N. J.
- 4 viii. William J.,² b. July 24, 1807.

- 1 JOHN,² (William,¹) b. in Ireland, came with parents to Ryegate, and educated in common schools here, and under his father's instruction, attended Vt. Univ., became a Covenanting minister, and was widely known as a very eloquent man; also as the principal of a noted classical school. He m. at Baltimore Sept. 27, 1821, Elizabeth, dau. Horatio Gates, and Catherine Jameson (b. Wheeling, W. Va., Feb. 20, 1801; d. York, Pa., Nov. 9, 1855). He d. at Duncansville, Pa., June 2, 1869.

Nine chil. of whom William,³ the eldest, entered the navy, and rose to the rank of Commander, and was in service on the Pacific coast, and in the Mexican war; during the Civil War in the Atlantic service. Has also published several volumes of poems and travels. He d. Atlantic City, Oct. 23, 1887; m. Miss Addison of New Orleans.

John,³ the 3d son, became a lawyer at York, Pa., captain of militia in the civil war, delegate to the Cons. Con., 1872, Ap. 1881, Judge of the 19th judicial dist. of Pa. Prepared an historical sketch of York Co.

Horatio Gates,³ 2d son of Rev. John Gibson, b. Baltimore, May 22, 1827; grad. West Point, 1847; in Mexican war as lieut. in artillery; in the Civil war in several important battles, promoted Capt., Lt.-Col., and Col., for meritorious service, and Brig. Gen. of Vols. Also pro. Major, Colonel and Brig. Gen. in regular army; now ret. Washington, D. C. He m. March 16, 1863, Harriet L. Atkinson of St. Louis.

Robert,³ youngest son of Rev. John Gibson, lawyer at Warrensburg, Pa., went to Missouri, and he became a captain in the Confederate army; ret. to W. and d. there, Dec. 10, 1861.

A dau. of Rev. John Gibson m. John H. Hopkins, bank president at Pittsburgh, and member of Congress. Another m. Frederick J. Nelson, a lawyer of Frederick, Md.

- 2 ROBERT,² (William,¹) b. Ballymena, Ire., Oct. 1, 1793; came to R. with parents and educated here; studied in the Ref. Pres. Sem. at Philadelphia; ord. and ins. pastor of Beaver Dam (Pa.) cong., Sept. 6, 1819, res. 1831; pastor 2d Ref. Pres. ch., N. Y. City, 1831-'36, res. on account of failing health; spent the year 1836 in Ryegate, occasionally preaching; went to the north of Ireland, 1837 and preached six mos. in his father's old parish. He m. 1st, Mary Ann Harvey who d. N. Y. City, Aug. 10, 1824. 4 ch. 2d, Mary A. Lindsay of Phila., who d. 1840. 1 s. who d. y. He d. N. Y. City, Dec. 22, 1837.

A son of his, Wm. J. Gibson,³ was a lawyer at LaCrosse, Wis., speaker of the Wis. House of Representatives; major of the 31st Wis., in the Civil war, and d. while in command of the Post at Columbus, Ky., Sept. 9, 1863. Bur. with military honors at La Crosse.

- 4 WILLIAM J.,² (William,¹) b. Ryegate, July 24, 1807; educated it is understood, at Duquesne, (Penn.) College; studied theology with his father; became a prominent and influential minister of the Pres. ch. in Pa., and presided over several of its synods and presbyteries; in the ministry at Philadelphia and received the degree of D. D. Toward the end of his life he prepared a valuable and interesting history of

the Huntington Presbytery. Chaplain in the Civil war of the 45th Penn. Dr. Gibson revisited Ryegate several times. He m. 1st, May 17, 1832, Cassandra Jameson, sister of the wife of his brother John (b. Somerset, Pa., Aug. 10, 1798; d. 1865). 6 chil., all dead. 2d, 1867, Elizabeth Murray. Two sons, Robert, who became a physician and, William J. Rev. Dr. Gibson d. Duncansville, Pa., Aug. 1883. The Gibson memorial church at Martinsburgh, Pa., is named for him.

GIBSON.

The first of the name of whom we have any knowledge is Alexander Gibson, b. Scotland, 1676. Other data lacking. Robert Gibson, his son, b. Dec. 25, 1725; m. 1st, Feb. 12, 1747, and his wife d. Oct. 27, 1758. He m. 2d, March 5, 1760 and his wife d. April 5, 1770. He m. 3d, Feb. 21, 1771, date of her death unknown. One of his wives was named Marion Craig, and it is thought she was his 3d wife. An old family Bible now owned by Milo Gibson of Barnet bears the following inscription:

"Marion Craig
her Book, 1771,
Jean Gibson's
Paisley, 4 Feb'y, 1803.
Marion McCullough
her Bible,
March, 1812."

Later names on a sheet of writing paper which has been inserted are:

"David Gibson
his Book, 1841.
Mrs. Margaret James, 1878.
James Gibson, 1902."

Upon the death of James Gibson in 1903 this book became the property of his son, M. D. Gibson, being later given to the latter's son, Milo A. Gibson.

Children of Robert Gibson of Scotland. By 1st marriage:

- I. MARGARET, b. Jan. 20, 1748. Other data lacking.
- II. ALEXANDER, b. June 18, 1750. Other data lacking.
- III. AGNES, b. June 1, 1752. Other data lacking.
- IV. WILLIAM, b. Aug. 4, 1754.
- V. ELIZABETH, b. Apr. 2, 1757. Other data lacking.

By 2d marriage:

- VI. ROBERT, b. Oct. 22, 1761.
- VII. JEAN, b. April 22, 1763. Other data lacking.
- VIII. JANET, b. Jan. 11, 1767. Other data lacking.
- IX. JEAN, b. July 21, 1768. Is believed to have d. y.

By 3d marriage:

- X. JEAN, b. Jan. 30, 1772. She is thought to have m. a man named McCullough; emigrated to America in 1802.
- XI. ALEXANDER, b. Aug. 11, 1777. Other data lacking.

Of these children William and Robert settled in Ryegate. We consider first the descendants of William.

WILLIAM GIBSON FAMILY.

WILLIAM,¹ b. Aushenloden farm, Renfrewshire, 3 m s. w. of Paisley, Aug. 4, 1754; farmer; m. Feb. 6, 1777, Margaret Aitken, (b. Lockwinnoch, 1755). They lived on this farm till 1795, when they went to Paisley, on Johnston road. They came to America in 1801, and bought of

Capt. John Gray the farm afterward owned by their son James, and now by Fred Gibson of Monroe, N. H., where both d., he Jan. 22, 1844, and she, July 15, of the same year. Their descendants are widely scattered, and the following is their first collected record.

The Gibsons were a prominent family and next to the Nelsons the most numerous, possessing collectively for many years the most wealth of any family in town. Mr. Miller often speaks of the "Gibson traits," and characterizes them as industrious, thrifty, and very strict in their religious views, regular in their attendance upon Sabbath worship. The father, gr. father, and gr. gr. father of William were elders in the Associate church, the latter being one of the first constituted after the secession in 1742, and there have been elders in every generation since. At the time of the disruption in the Associate ch. in Ryegate described in Chapter XIII, all the Gibsons of that congregation, with one exception, adhered to the decree of synod, so that this particular section was called the "Gibson Party." They cared little for politics, and seldom held office. They were and are still, excellent farmers and dairymen, noted for their fine stock, and for their readiness to introduce improvements. Adherence to certain Christian names was a family trait, there being at one time twelve William Gibsons, and seven Robert Gibsons. In order to distinguish them from one another in conversation, each had a special cognomen, usually significant of some trait, locality or peculiarity, by which he was known. There are comparatively few of the name left in town. The men of this family were usually tall, well-built men, of strong constitutions, intelligent, well-informed, and able to give a good account of themselves. The records preserved by different branches of the family differ in a few cases as to dates of birth or marriage. In such cases both dates are given.

Children all b. in Scotland.

- i. Elizabeth,² b. Oct. 16; d. Nov. 22, 1777.
- 1 ii. John,² b. Sept. 14, 1778.
- 2 iii. Robert,² b. May 22, 1780.
- 3 iv. William,² b. June 5, 1782.
- v. Elizabeth,² b. March 6, 1784; m. James Warden, q. v.
- vi. Agnes,² b. June 12, 1786; m. James Nelson, q. v.
- 4 vii. Alexander,² b. April 9, 1788. (April 6, 1789).
- viii. James,² b. Nov. 11, 1792; farmer on homestead, succeeding his father; chosen elder in Ass. Pres. ch., April 3, 1838; he m. Sept. 1844, Elizabeth, [Bethia], dau. Robert and Bethia Gibson (b. July 21, 1792; d. July 16, 1877). He d. Aug. 9, 1869, No chil.
- ix. Margaret,² d. y.
- 5 x. David,² April 9, 1796.
- xi. Margaret, b. and d., 1798.
- xii. Marion, twin to above, b. and d., 1798.
- 6 xiii. Peter, b. May 4, 1801. By another rec. March 6, 1801.
- 1 JOHN,² (William,¹) b. Scotland, Sept. 14, 1778; came to America with parents; farmer; also held town offices; also chosen elder in the Asso. Pres. ch., 1818. He m. in Scotland, Jean Dixon, sister of John who settled in R., just before they sailed for America. At the wedding his brother Robert was best man. and gave the bride a gold ring, it being the custom at the time. The two families are united in A. J. Finlay and wife of McIndoes, and the ring is in their possession. John Gibson's farm was owned by his son Wm., then by John Haney for many years. He d. Oct. 23, 1871; she d. Aug. 30, 1841.

Children all born in Ryegate.

- 7 i. Robert,³ b. Apr. 13, 1802.
- ii. Margaret,³ b. Jan. 18, 1804; m. Joseph Finlay, q. v.
- 8 iii. William,³ b. Feb. 22, 1806.
- 9 iv. John,³ b. Feb. 10, 1808.

- v. Janet Spear,³ b. Feb. 15, 1810; m. March 10, 1831, John Matthews, q. v.
- vi. Alexander,³ b. Dec. 26, 1811; d. July 24, 1817.
- vii. Eliza [Elizabeth],³ b. Dec. 15, 1813; m. 1848, Dea. James Gilchrist; q. v.; d. June, 1901.
- viii. Thomas,³ b. Feb. 9; d. April 19, 1816.
- 10 ix. James,³ b. May 25, 1817.
- x. Mary Jean,³ b. March 6, 1819; m. Azro Dutton, merchant at McIndoes, then at No. Hartland, Vt.
- xi. Agnes,³ b. Nov. 26, 1821; m. ab. 1848, Claudius B. Somers, q. v.
- 2 ROBERT,² (William¹,) b. Scotland, April 26, May 22, 1780; came to Ryegate with parents, 1801; m. Dec. 29, 1808, Ellen, dau. John Anderson (b. Lesmarago, Scot., June 4, 1791; d. Oct. 16, 1867). He was called "Rock Rob," as there were many rocks on his farm. This farm is owned and occupied by James Liddle.
- Children:
 - i. Marian,³ b. Oct. 18, 1809; m. Harry Moore, q. v.
 - 11 ii. William J.,³ b. June 28, 1811.
 - 12 iii. John,³ b. July 8, 1813.
 - iv. Robert Twaddle,³ b. 1816; m. Dec. 1, 1870, Christie, dau. Wm.² Gibson (b. April 23, 1828). He d. Feb. 6, 1882. No ch.
 - v. Margaret Helen,³ b. Aug. 10, 1822; m. Hugh G. Miller, q. v.
- 3 WILLIAM,² (William¹,) b. Aushenloden, near Paisley, Scotland, June 5, 1782; came to America with parents in 1801, and settled on the farm in Ryegate owned in 1860 by his son, Wm. B. Gibson, and now by Jackson Smith. He was m. in 1812, by Rev. David Goodwillie to Christian, dau. Robert Blair of Barnet (b. Aug. 29, 1788; d. June 10, 1876). He d. Aug. 12, 1861 in Ryegate. He was called "Swamp Angel," as he lived near a great swamp.
- Children:
 - 13 i. Robert,³ b. Oct. 21, 1813.
 - ii. Janet,³ b. Feb. 10, 1816; m. by Rev. Thos. Goodwillie May 1, 1856, George A. Holmes of Monroe, N. H., as 2d wife. No ch. She d. June 10, 1895, being thrown from a wagon four days before. He d. Jan. 1, 1881, act. 78. No ch.
 - iii. Margaret Aiken,³ b. March 1, 1818; m. April 5, 1855, John McGill of Barnet (b. Scotland 1825; d. Apr. 24, 1896). She d. Feb. 20, 1896. Chil. (1) William, m., 3 ch. (2) Frank, twice m. 3 ch., all res. Barnet.
 - 14 iv. William B.,³ b. Feb. 15, 1820.
 - v. Mary,³ b. March 1, 1822; m. April 30, 1851, by Rev. Jas. McArthur, Joseph Davis, from Peacham; res. in Barnet, where Henry Parks now lives, for about 20 yrs. Rem. to Weathersfield, Vt., where he died. Chil. (1) Charles,⁴ d. at 14. (2) John,⁴ res. Shelburne, town clerk and constable. (3) Jennie,⁴ res. Ludlow; twice m. 2 sons in N. Y. (4) Abbie,⁴ m. Carlos Dyke of Ludlow and d. there.
 - vi. Elizabeth,³ b. Feb. 6, 1824; m. April 2, 1856, Aaron Welch q. v.
 - vii. Agnes,³ b. May 25, 1826; m. 1st. by Rev. Thos. Goodwillie, Nov. 2, 1864, James Somers of Barnet, who d. June 18, 1879. 2d, Dec. 8, 1889, by Rev. Mr. McKinley, J. W. Curtis, who d. Dec. 3, 1891. She res. Barnet.
 - viii. Christie,³ b. April 23, 1828; m. 1st, Dec. 1, 1870 by Rev. M. B. Bradford, Robert T. Gibson,³ q. v. She m. 2d, Dec. 6, 1883, by Rev. John Bole, James Gilfillan, as 2d w. Res. Barnet.
 - ix. Jane,³ b. Jan. 27, 1831; d. 1879; m. Jan. 19, 1860, by Rev. Mr. McArthur, John McColl, q. v.
- 4 ALEXANDER,² (William¹,) b. Apr. 8, 1788; came to America with parents in 1801; lived with them till he m., March 2, 1814; Jane, dau. Hugh Gardner (b. Nov. 7, 1791; d. March 31, 1853). They lived near South Ryegate, where all their chil. were b., where he built a brick house, which was burned with the other farm buildings, March 28, 1909,

while owned by Joseph Williamson. Members of Ass. Pres. ch. He d. June 6, 1869. He was a very industrious and prosperous farmer. He gave each son a good farm, and bought that now owned by John H. Nelson, to be nearer church, building the house now standing there, and where both died.

Children:

- 15 i. Hugh G.,³ b. May 29, 1815,
 - 16 ii. William N.,³ b. Dec. 31, 1816.
 - iii. Margaret,³ b. May 12, 1819; m. Harvey Warden, q. v.
 - 17 iv. Peter,³ b. March 27, 1821.
 - v. Mary G.,³ b. April 5, 1823; m. John F. Nelson, q. v.
 - 18 vi. Alexander,³ b. April 6, 1825.
 - vii. Sarah Jane,³ b. June 12, 1827. Never m.
 - 19viii. John,³ b. June 2, 1830.
 - 20 ix. Pringle,³ b. Jan. 5, 1833.
- 5 DAVID,² (William,¹) b. Glasgow, Scotland, April 9, 1796; came to Am. with parents. Settled at the top of the hill leading from the Joe's Brook schoolhouse to Barnet Center ch., and m. March, 1820, Margaret, dau. Robert Blair, who came from Keppen, Scotland, in 1784 (b. Barnet, Aug. 3, 1794; d. Jan. 6, 1877). He d. March 14, 1878, on the farm now owned by Wm. Welch.
- Children all b. in Barnet.
- 21 i. James W.,³ b. Feb. 2, 1821.
 - ii. Margaret,³ b. Jan. 17, 1823; m. Jabez James of Barnet, is now living with her nephew John Dickson in Ryegate. No chil.
 - iii. Janet,³ b. Feb. 24, 1824; m. Robert Esden of Greensboro; d. many yrs. ago. Ch. John, Robert, Eliza (Mrs. Charles Slapp of Hardwick), and William.
 - iv. Elizabeth,³ b. Jan. 1, 1826; m. Robert Dickson, q. v.
 - 22 v. Robert,³ b. July 19, 1828.
 - vi. Agnes,³ b. June 11, 1830; d. un-m. in Barnet, Jan. 11, 1902.
- 6 PETER,² (William,¹) b. Scotland, March 6, 1801; farmer; lived where his dau. Cynthia now lives, on the meadow at the foot of Symes or Gibson hill. He m. Nov. 16, 1828, Agnes, dau. Peter Buchanan of Barnet (b. April 3, 1809; d. Dec. 22, 1876). He d. May 1, 1866.
- Children:
- i. William,³ b. Sept., 1829; went to California while a young man; d. at Angel's Camp, Cal., Aug. 1, 1896.
 - ii. Frank,³ b. March, 1831; farmer on homestead, an industrious man; d. Nov. 29, 1903.
 - iii. Martha,³ b. July 24, 1833; m. Geo. A. Gibson, q. v., as 2d w.
 - iv. Lois,³ b. Aug. 30, 1835; d. June 5, 1859; m. Geo. A. Gibson, q. v., as 1st w.
 - v. Amaret,³ b. April 4, 1838; d. April 7, 1909; m. April 28, 1863, W. F. Hastie of Barnet. Chil. (1) Nancy J., b. Oct. 8, 1864; m. Dec. 19, 1894, Artie M. Meader; d. Whitinsville, Mass., Dec. 5, 1906. Ch. Raymon, Marion, Marjorie, Kenneth. (2) Henry [Hastie], b. Oct. 30, 1868; m. Sept. 26, 1894, Laura Keniston. Res. West Barnet. Ch. (1) Foster.
 - vi. Henry,³ b. 1840. went to California at the age of 21, and has lived there and in Oregon.
 - vii. Cynthia,³ b. Feb., 1842; an invalid several years; lives on the homestead.
- 7 ROBERT,³ (John,² William,¹) b. April 13, 1802; farmer; living on the farm where Herbert Gibson now lives, 68 years; elected captain Ryegate Light Infantry Oct. 2, 1830; held several town offices; member of the U. P. ch. about 71 years and an Elder 37 years, elected Sept. 11, 1856. He was the last survivor of the 27 who signed the call to Rev. Thos. Ferrier in 1821. He was the oldest person in town at the time of his death. He m. Sept. 30, 1828, Nancy, dau. Wm. Somers (b. Oct. 27,

1806; d. May 8, 1890.) He d. Aug. 24, 1893. The present house on that farm was built of planks by Capt. Gibson to replace the log house of pioneer days.

Children all b. in Ryegate.

- i. Lucy Jane,⁴ b. Jan. 25, 1830; d. May 10, 1833.
- ii. Caroline Sophia,⁴ b. Aug. 8, 1831; d. Feb. 1, 1864. An invalid most of her life, a young woman of fine intellect who read much and contributed to the press, poems and sketches.
- iii. Sophronia Somers,⁴ b. Sept. 20, 1833; m. Henry Huff; res. Cape Porpoise, Me. Chil., son and dau., who res. there.
- iv. Thomas Scott,⁴ b. Nov. 24, 1835; d. in Boston, Sept. 18, 1860.
- v. Juliette Victoria,⁴ b. Aug. 12, 1838; m. Palmer Thomas, q. v.
- vi. Horace Albert,⁴ b. Sept. 14, 1841; m. Julia A. Rice at Green Mountain, Iowa; rem. to Edgar, Neb. One son, a farmer in Nebraska, and one daughter, a stenographer in Chicago.
- vii. Edwin Zebina,⁴ b. Oct. 5, 1843; served in the Civil war in Co. F, 15th Vt.; d. Fairfax, Va., Dec. 30, 1862.
- viii. Lucy Jane,⁴ d. y.
- 22 ix. Azro Joseph,⁴ b. June 16, 1845.
- 8 WILLIAM,³ (John,² William,¹) b. Feb. 22, 1806; farmer near the outlet of Symes Pond. His distinctive cognomen among the many Wm. Gibsons was "Turkey Will," being noted for his success in raising turkeys. He m. Nov. 18, 1824, Janet, dau. Wm. Somers (b. 1808; d. in Cal., Dec. 18, 1888.) His farm in Ryegate is now owned by Mrs. G. A. Gibson. They rem. to Cal., where he d. Dec. 31, 1885.

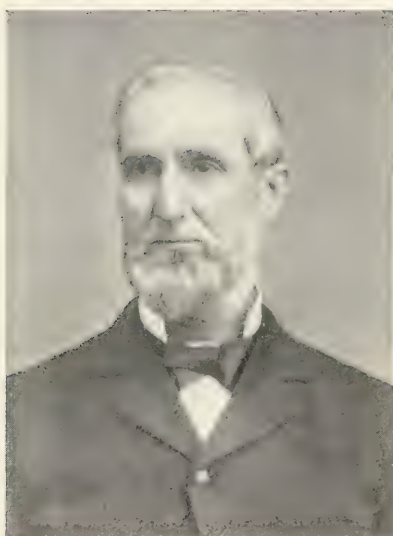
Children:

- i. Eliza Ann,⁴ b. Sept. 25, 1829; m. Ira Jones of Barnet; d. July 23, 1882, California.
- 23 ii. George A.,⁴ b. Dec. 10, 1832.
- 24 iii. Samantha,⁴ (twin to above.)
- iv. Henry T.,⁴ b. Sept. 16, 1839; served in the Civil war in an Iowa reg., wounded Dec. 31, 1862, at Murfreesboro, Tenn.; d. Jan. 20, 1863, at Nashville, Tenn.
- v. Claudius S.,⁴ b. March 13, 1842; m. at San Rafael, Cal., Oct. 9, 1873, Sarah Mons, [nee Lafferty]. Chil. (1) Jennie S.,⁵ b. Aug. 3, 1874; m. Brainard Jones, Nov. 24, 1900. (2) Jessie McL.,⁵ b. Jan. 9, 1877. (3) Claudius,⁵ b. Dec. 27, 1877. (4) Eva,⁵ b. Dec. 29, 1880. All the family of Claudius Gibson live in Cal.
- vi. Warren Alfred,⁴ b. April 29, 1847; m. 1st, 1878, Lizzie White, who d. soon after the birth of her child, Pearl L.,⁵ April 27, 1879. He m. 2d, June 15, 1885, Jessie Rae. Chil. (2) Eunice, J.,⁵ b. Jan. 23, 1891. (3) Ethel R.,⁵ b. Nov. 1, 1893. The family of Warren Gibson live in Cal.
- 9 JOHN,³ (John,² William,¹) b. Feb. 19, 1808; m. 1st, Feb. 16, 1832, Jane, dau. of Thomas Nelson, (b. Feb. 18, 1808,) and had ch., Charles,⁴ and Lutheria J.,⁴ who m. Robert Arthur, q. v. His wife d. and he m. 2d, a Miss McPhee, and had 2 sons and 2 dau's. Of the latter, Margaret m. Wm. H. H. Whitehill, q. v., and lives at State Center, Iowa, where John Gibson d. abt. 1893. Charles,⁴ his son, m. Cassie Brock and went to Iowa 1861, and enlisted in the army, serving 3 yrs.; was dis., wounded and d. 1865. Chil. Lewis,⁵ Lottie,⁵ Clara,⁵ Charles,⁵ Wallace.⁵
- 10 JAMES,³ (John,² William,¹) b. May 25, 1817; farmer near Symes Pond, next n. e. of his bro. William. He m. March 27, 1845, Rhoda Stevens of Barnet. He d. Feb. 20, 1881; she d. Feb. 14, 1891.

Children:

- i. Harriet J.,⁴ b. Jan. 27, 1846; m. Nov. 13, 1878, Alphonso B. Clough of Groton, who d. Feb., 1888. Ch. (1) Elmer J.,⁴ b. July 6, 1880; d. April 11, 1893. Willard S.,⁴ b. July 19, 1885.
- 25 ii. Oscar J.,⁴ b. Oct. 11, 1847.
- iii. Albert M.,⁴ b. May 24, 1849.

- 26 iv. Charles S.,⁴ b. Dec. 15, 1853.
 v. Rhoda A.,⁴ b. Dec. 18, 1855.
 vi. John D.,⁴ b. Sept. 17, 1857; res. Fitchburg, Mass., m. 1st June 4, 1884, Belle M. Kennedy, who d. April 13, 1902. 2d, Sept. 11, 1906, Lottie Fairfield. No chil.
 vii. Benjamin L.,⁴ b. May 8, 1859.
 viii. Martha R.,⁴ b. June 2, 1868; m. Harvey Jennison of Peacham.
- 11 WILLIAM J.,³ (Robert,² William,¹) b. June 28, 1811; bought his farm of David Symes; was a very energetic and successful man, introducing many improvements in dairying. He m. at Lyman, N. H., April 16, 1840, by Rev. Mr. Pringle, Eliza, dau. Robert,² Nelson (b. Nov. 11, 1811; d. April 20, 1884.) He united with the Ass. Pres. ch. in R., when young, and she with the Ass. Pres. ch. in Barnet; both were active members, interested in church and S. S. work; he was an elder in the ch. and still teacher in the S. S. at his death at the age of 85. She was ed. at Peacham Acad., and at a preparatory school at Concord, Vt., and taught for several years before her marriage. He held town offices and was delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1870. W. J. Gibson d. Sept. 15, 1896.
- Children:
- i. Ellen Jean,⁴ b. Jan. 15, 1841; ed. McI. F. Acad., m. A. J. Finlay, q. v.
 - ii. Agnes Eliza,⁴ June 16, 1844; teacher; ed. Peacham and McI. Falls Academy and Newbury Seminary; d. Aug. 23, 1867.
 - iii. Marion Isabell,⁴ b. April 20, 1849; ed. McI. Falls Acad.; d. Aug. 16, 1888.
 - iv. Alice Hannah,⁴ b. Sept. 22, 1854; teacher; ed. McI. and St. J. Acad's, grad. Randolph Normal School
- 12 JOHN,³ (Robert,² William,¹) b. July 8, 1813; worked for his father seven years after attaining his majority. In 1843 went into partnership with his brother-in-law Harry Moore and they bought the Peters tannery at Ryegate Corner, and there engaged in the manufacture of leather and harnesses for about 15 years. This business was discontinued because of the scarcity of bark and the remoteness of the location. Purchased the Morrill farm and later the Henderson farm at E. Ryegate, erecting a fine set of buildings, purchased the Currier farm adjoining, making an estate of 240 acres. One of the solid men of the town, had immense vitality, great industry and excellent judgment. He accumulated a large property, but lost heavily in western investments. Member and liberal supporter of the U. P. ch., more than 60 years. He m. 1st, June 12, 1844, Hannah, dau. Edward Miller (b. May 25, 1824; d. April 24, 1865.) 2d, July 2, 1872 Elizabeth [Bettie] J., dau. Amos Abbott who d. Jan. 16, 1886. He d. May 1, 1899.
- Children: Five by 1st and one by 2d marriage.
- i. Edward,⁴ b. April 18, 1845; d. Sept. 9, 1864.
 - ii. Robert Anderson,⁴ b. Aug. 4, 1848; d. July 20, 1852.
 - iii. Morris Moore,⁴ b. Oct. 27, 1851; d. Feb. 6, 1872.
- 27 iv. Martin Hartland,⁴ b. May 17, 1857.
 v. Mary Helen Isabel,⁴ b. Aug. 10, 1864; d. Jan. 20, 1865.
 vi. Hannah Jane,⁴ b. Sept. 13, 1874; d. April 9, 1879.
- 13 ROBERT,³ (Wm.,² Wm.,¹) b. Oct. 21, 1813; farmer in Barnet where Walter Phelps lives. He m. by Rev. Thos. Goodwillie, Nov. 7, 1838, Janet, dau. Thos. Gilkerson,⁴ (b. Sept. 8, 1811). Members of Ass. Pres. ch. They rem. to Remington, Ind., where she d. Nov. 23, 1893; he d. at that place June 6, 1890.
- Children:
- i. Marion J.,⁴ b. Jan. 30, 1840; Res. in Ryegate.
 - ii. Thomas W.,⁴ b. Nov. 18, 1841; soldier in the Civil war; d. Fairfax, Va., Dec. 31, 1864. Member Co. F, 15th Vt.
 - iii. Janet A.,⁴ b. March 16, 1845; m. Simeon P. Knight. 6 ch.
 - iv. Martin L.,⁴ b. Sept. 17, 1857; m. Jan. 2, 1884, Elizabeth Eckles, who d. Dec. 2, 1888; 3 ch. 2d, Feb. 1890, Margaret Wicoff. He was killed by the cars at Montpelier, O., June 17, 1908.



PRINGLE GIBSON, ESQ.



GEORGE A. GIBSON.



JOHN GIBSON.

- 14 WILLIAM B.,³ (William,² William,¹) b. Ryegate, Feb. 13, 1820; m. 1st, by Rev. Jas. McArthur, March 27, 1856, Elizabeth McGill; lived in Ryegate; rem. to Manteno, Ill., 1864; his w. d. there Sept. 14, 1865, and he m. Feb. 4, 1867, by Rev. J. M. Beattie Jane, dau. James McLam (b. Aug. 28, 1837; d. March 28, 1890). Ret. to Barnet, 1870, and bought the Rev. David Goodwillie farm, near the Center meeting house. In old militia days his name on the muster roll was Wm. Gibson 7th. He d. Oct. 2, 1903. Mem. of U. P. ch. Barnet.

Children:

- i. Joseph B.,⁴ b. Ryegate, Jan. 7, 1857; went to Fargo, So. Dak., rem. several yrs., later to Kallispell, Mont., and res. there. He m. June 12, 1907, Effie Grace Johnston of Portland, Oregon. Members of Cong. ch.
- ii. Ezra,⁴ b. Ryegate, May 12, 1859; m. 1880, Etta Smiley of Danville. In creamery work at Barnet and Derby 15 yrs., clerk at St. Johnsbury; rem. to St. Joseph, Mo., 1910, where he d. June 13, 1911. One dau., Mrs. W. S. Kelley, St. Joseph, Mo., and a son, Walter Raymond, who d. in inf. Members of Cong. ch.
- iii. Wm. M.,⁴ b. Ryegate, Dec. 6, 1862; m. Oct., 1907, Mrs. Etta Merchant; one son, Jesse. Member U. P. ch., Barnet.
- iv. Mary E.,⁴ b. Manteno, Ill., Aug. 25; d. Sept. 26, 1865.
By 2d marriage.
- v. Agnes E.,⁴ b. Rockville, Ill., Feb. 11, 1868; m. Wilbur Nelson, q. v. Three chil., Marion, Dwight and Paul.
- vi. Sophia,⁴ b. Rockville, Ill., Oct. 6, 1869; m. Aug. 1900, Dan. Aiken. Ch. Harold Leigh,⁵ Waldo Gibson,⁵ Florence Jean.⁵
- vii. James C.,⁴ b. Barnet, Oct. 21, 1871; m. Feb., 1907, Jennie Rhodes; res. Brattleboro. Ch. Edward William.⁵ Members U. P. ch.
- viii. Jennie L.,⁴ b. Barnet, Aug. 15, 1873; grad. St. J. Acad., 1895; studied in Mr. Moody's training school, Northfield, Mass. Was sent to Egypt by the Woman's Missionary Board of the U. P. ch., sailing Oct. 1, 1903. Stationed at Luxor, teacher in the Girl's Boarding School at L., while learning the language. She d. at L. May 15, 1903 and bur. there.
- ix. Nettie L.,⁴ b. Barnet, Oct. 15, 1876; ed. Johnson Normal School; teacher, in Barre. Member U. P. ch.

- 15 HUGH GARDNER,³ (Alexander,² William,¹) b. May 29, 1815. Settled on the farm which was formerly that of James Thomas, on the Hazen road, between the Corner and Barnet line. This is a very productive farm on a shoulder of Blue Mountain, overlooking the wide and deep valley of Manchester brook. The farm is now owned by A. H. Gibson; the buildings were burned in June, 1900. In 1881 he bought the Archibald Ritchie farm, then owned by Robert Nelson, and became a citizen of Newbury, erecting new buildings which were burned in the spring of 1895, and he had the present buildings nearly completed at the time of his death. Mr. Gibson was a very liberal man, and one of the principal supporters of the United Pres. ch. at the Corner and later of the Ref. Pres. at So. Ryegate, of which he was a member about 60 years. He was m. April 8, 1839 by Rev. Wm. Pringle, Abigail, dau. Wm. Nelson 2d (b. Feb. 19, 1818; d. Jan. 1906). He d. Jan. 14, 1906.

Children all b. in Ryegate.

- i. Marcella Jane,⁴ b. April 6, 1841; d. May 9, 1876, Iowa.
 - ii. Alexander Harvey,⁴ b. Sept. 30, 1843; farmer on homestead in Newbury, near So. R. village.
 - iii. Abbie Sarah,⁴ b. Dec. 23, 1845; d. Dec. 2, 1890.
 - iv. Annette Ellen,⁴ b. July 19, 1848.
 - v. Josephine Mary,⁴ b. Sept. 2, 1852.
 - vi. Clara Frances,⁴ b. June, 1859; m. David B. Fisk, q. v.
- 16 WILLIAM NEILSON,³ (Alexander,² William,¹) b. Ryegate, Dec. 31, 1816; farmer, succeeding his father on the homestead, and quite a mathematician. Was never out of the state but twice, going to Boston once while

young, and in old age to visit his children in the west. He joined the Associate church, Oct. 16, 1840, and the Covenanter June 23, 1853. Both his wives were members of the latter. He m. 1st, March 26, 1844, Eleanor, dau. Samuel Allen (b. June 12, 1813; d. June 1, 1864). 2d, June 25, 1868, by Rev. J. M. Beattie, Mary C., dau. Abram Whitehill, b. July 27, 1837. He d. May 8, 1885; bur. W. Ryegate; member of the church about 40 years.

Children besides who d. in infancy,

- i. Margaret Jane,⁴ b. June 27, 1845; ed. Com. school and Newbury Seminary; m. by Rev. J. M. Beattie, Jan. 1, 1867, Jackson Roberts of Groton, (b. 1836,) who was her first school teacher, she being then seven, and he 16 years of age. He taught six winters before he was 21. In Cal. eight years. They went to Iowa, where he was a merchant, then became a successful lawyer at Washington, Iowa, and mayor of the city. He d. May 24, 1897. She with her dau., spend winters at Colorado Springs. In 1907 they visited Scotland, and in the cemetery around Paisley Abbey found the graves of their ancestors, Gibsons and Gardners. Mrs. Roberts has rendered valuable assistance in the preparation of these Gibson records. Ch. (1) Ida Charlotte,⁵ b. 1868; grad. Parsons Coll., res. with her mother; has twice visited Europe. (2) Frank William,⁵ b. 1869; in business at Colorado Springs. (3) Carl Jackson,⁵ b. 1874; res. Washington, Iowa, dealer in farm mortgages. Has visited Europe, the British Isles, Mexico and the Sandwich Islands. He m. 1904, Maud Alice Hoover of Michigan. Ch. Mary Hoover Roberts, b. Oct. 27, 1908.
 - ii. Ellen M.,⁴ b. Aug. 5, 1847; ed. Newbury Seminary; m. in Washington, Iowa, Jackson R. Plummer of Clearfield, Iowa, lawyer, b. Groton. Ch. (1) Edith E.,⁵ m. Arch. R. Bone of So. Ryegate, q. v. (2) Mabel Margaret,⁵ m. Walter E. Berkeley of Humeston, Iowa. 3 ch. (3) Clara C.,⁵ grad. Drake Univ.; m. Arthur Snyder. Ch. Ella Margaret,⁶ (4) Mary B.,⁵ taught in Ryegate, 1907-'8.
 - iii. James Renwick,⁴ b. June 13, 1852; m. 1884, Susie Bamsey of Creston, Iowa; res. Algona, Ia., where he d. April, 1887; she d. 1894; bur. Creston, Iowa. Ch. Howard Renwick, student.
- By 2d marriage.
- iv. Estelline,⁴ b. Jan. 10, 1871; m. Yeaton Nelson, q. v.
 - v. Charles Knox,⁴ b. Jan. 5, 1873.
 - vi. Mabel Janet,⁴ b. July 24, 1874; m. Edwin Renfrew.
- 17 PETER,³ (Alexander,² Wm.,¹) b. March 27, 1821; settled on the farm lately owned by Livermore T. Bailey, building that house; m. July 3, 1846, by Rev. J. M. Beattie, to Emily, dau. Hosea Low (b. Jan. 6, 1821); he d. Jan. 2, 1892; she d. at Orlando, Fla., Dec. 23, 1893; both bur. at So. Ryegate. They were members of the Ref. Pres. ch.
- Children:
- i. Adeth Bell,⁴ b. April 9, 1847; m. Dec. 1874, John W. Anderson, Washington, Iowa; she d. there Feb. 19, 1877. Ch. (1) Peter G., b. Oct., 1875; d. Feb. 14, 1877. (2) J. Lloyd, b. Aug. 15, 1876; d. April 26, 1891.
 - ii. Emily Jane,⁴ b. May 8, 1853; grad. Mt. Holyoke Seminary; m. as 2d w. John W. Anderson, who d. at Orlando, Fla., Aug. 28, 1910; she res. there.
 - iii. Lois Ann,⁴ b. April 11, 1837; d. Nov. 23, 1861.
- 18 ALEXANDER (Alexander) b. April 6, 1825; went to Iowa and settled at Jackson, in Washington Co., 1854; ret. to R. and m. Dec. 19, 1854, by Rev. James McArthur, his cousin, Mary H., dau. of Wm. Gardner, b. Oct. 7, 1835; 10 c. all b. in Iowa. He accumulated a fine property, but lost his buildings by a cyclone, May 22, 1873, and several of his family were badly injured; his loss was \$6,000.

Children:

- i. Sarah Jane, b. Aug. 18, 1855; d. May 31, 1857.

- ii. Margaret E., b. Dec. 19, 1856; d. in infancy.
 - iii. John C., b. July 2, 1858; m. Mar. 1, 1883, Nellie Knox. Ch. (1) Alice, b. Feb. 1884. (2) Walter Alex., b. March 1886.
 - iv. William Alexander, b. April 21, 1860; m. April, 1887, Grace McMillen.
 - v. Annabel, b. Aug. 14; d. Nov. 11, 1863.
 - vi. Rolla Cecil, b. Aug. 3, 1864; student and teacher; m. 1890, Sarah Boyd.
 - vii. Minnie Etta, b. April 3, 1868.
 - viii. Myra Nettie, b. Dec. 26, 1869; d. Feb. 26, 1887.
 - ix. Mary Emeline, b. Aug. 18, 1872; d. Dec. 14, 1878.
 - x. Margaret Alice, b. July 5, 1875; d. Nov., 1878.
- 19 JOHN.³ (Alexander,² William,¹) b. June 1, 1830. Went west; attended Franklin College at New Athens, O., but grad. Union College, Schenectady, N. Y. Two years at the United Pres. Theo. Sem., at Xenia, O., but grad. at Union Theo. Sem. In the ministry of the United Pres. ch. 12 years, chaplain in the Union army and contracted disease of which he d. 1868; bur. at Ryegate Corner. He m. Elizabeth Dawson, who res. in Chicago.
- Children:
- i. Son, d. in infancy.
 - ii. Sarah Belle,⁴ b. Jan. 23, 1866; res. Chicago.
- 20 PRINGLE.³ (Alexander,² William,¹) b. Jan. 5, 1833. His father bought the Hugh Gardner farm, to be nearer church, and sold it to him, the parents living with him till death. In 1884 he sold that farm, rem. to So. Ryegate and erected a large building, in which he opened a store, and was in trade till closed in April, 1895; He held all the town offices, and was town representative 1882; member of the United Pres. ch. at the Corner and later of the 1st. Pres. ch. at So. Ryegate. He m. 1st, June 14, 1860, Frances, dau. William Gray (b. May 28, 1832; d. Feb. 24, 1889). 2d, Nov. 17, 1892, Emma, dau. Alden Tucker of Newbury; he d. Feb. 11, 1908.
- Children:
- i. William A,⁴ b. May 27, 1861.
 - ii. Mabel Jane,⁴ b. Sept. 21, 1867; m. May 7, 1891, Livermore T. Bailey (b. Newbury, July 25, 1860). Farmer, owning the Peter Gibson farm which they sold in 1909; visited N. W. Canada and the Pacific coast; res. South Ryegate.
- 21 JAMES W.,³ (David,² William,¹) b. Barnet, Feb. 2, 1821; farmer near his father. He m. March 22, 1849, Jane, dau. Alex. McLaren (b. Dec. 19, 1819; d. Nov. 13, 1904); he d. July 6, 1903.
- Children:
- i. Milo A.,⁴ b. April 10, 1850; d. Dec. 31, 1855.
- 29 ii. Martin D.,⁴ b. Jan. 22, 1852.
- iii. Elva E.,⁴ b. Feb. 25, 1855; m. F. J. Randall of Barnet; lives on the Joe's Brook road. Ch. (1) Charles,⁵ b. Aug. 6, 1878. (2) Ernest,⁵ b. Aug. 6, 1883. (3) Nellie.⁵
 - iv. Emma J.,⁴ b. July 10, 1859; teacher in early years and with her brother, cared for their parents in old age. She m. 1906, Edwin A. Morgan of Barnet.
- 22 ROBERT,³ (David,² William,¹) b. Barnet, July 19, 1828; lived on the farm settled by his father; d. several yrs. ago; m. Lois Roberts.
- Children:
- i. Kate,⁴ m. Wm. Kinney.
 - ii. Eva L.⁴
- 22 AZRO JOSEPH,⁴ (Robert,³ John,² William,¹) b. June 16, 1845; farmer in Groton; m. Eldora Glover, who d. Oct. 20, 1880. He d. Groton, July 3, 1882.
- Children:
- i. Orlo,⁵ b. Sept. 4, 1873; grad. Eastman's Bus. Coll., Feb. 1897; d. March 14, 1897.

- ii. Herbert,⁵ b. March 14, 1876; farmer on the homestead of his gr. father, Capt. Robert Gibson. He m. July 19, 1900, Jessie Kingsbury of Barnet. Ch. (1) May Eldora,⁶ b. July 6, 1901. (2) Maurice Orlo,⁶ b. Aug. 28, 1903; (3) Ruth Lillian,⁶ b. Aug. 14, 1905. (4) Doris Kathleen,⁶ b. Feb. 3, 1908.
- 23 GEORGE A.,⁴ (William,³ John,² Wm.,¹) b. Dec. 10, 1832; he bought of Claudius Somers, the John Matthews farm on the river road, on which he lived all his life, except 3 yrs. in Barnet; deacon in Cong. ch. McIndoes Falls 30 yrs. He d. Nov. 25, 1903. He m. 1st, April 29, 1858, Lois, dau. Peter Gibson (b. Aug. 30, 1835; d. June 5, 1859). One ch., Dallas, b. May 24, d. Sept. 5, 1859. He m. 2d, June 12, 1860, Martha Gibson, sister of 1st w. (b. July 24, 1833.)

Children:

- i. Fred H.,⁵ b. Oct. 9, 1861; farmer in Monroe, N. H.; m. March 4, 1891, Agnes Hadlock of M. Ch. (1) Geo. A.,⁶ and Robert H.,⁶ (twins) b. July 22, 1893. (2) Frank H.,⁶ b. Dec. 31, 1899.
- ii. George Herbert,⁵ b. June 7, 1871; farmer on homestead.
- iii. Jennie E.,⁵ b. May 22, 1873; m. March 2, 1896, Arthur Bodwell, formerly of Glover. He d. Sept. 15, 1897. Ch. Arthur G.,⁶ b. Aug. 6, 1897; m. 2d, 1908, Artie Meader of Whitinsville, Mass.
- 24 SAMANTHA J.,⁴ (Wm.,³ John,² Wm.,¹) b. Dec. 10, 1832; m. April 26, 1853, James H. Johnston of Barnet; now res. in Sacramento, Cal.

Children:

- i. William A.,⁵ b. April 1, 1854; d. Jan. 4, 1869.
- ii. George E.,⁵ b. Sept. 30, 1856; d. March 22, 1857.
- iii. Frank C.,⁵ b. March 31, 1859; d. Oct. 29, 1866.
- iv. Forrest J.,⁵ b. March 18, 1872.
- 25 OSCAR J.,⁴ (James,³ John,² William,¹) b. Oct. 11, 1847; m. by Rev. J. M. Beattie, March 9, 1876, Nancy E., dau. James Dunn (b. Feb. 13, 1842.) He d. July 20, 1897.

Children:

- i. Frank J.,⁵ b. Nov. 2, 1877; res. Boltonville; m. June 25, 1908, Grace, dan. Harvey Orr (b. March 4, 1885). Ch. Nancy Margaret,⁶ b. Nov. 11, 1909.
- ii. Freeman J.,⁵ b. Aug. 4, 1879.
- iii. Alexander H.,⁵ b. Nov. 21, 1883.
- 26 CHARLES S.,⁴ (James,³ John,² William,¹) b. Dec. 15, 1853; m. Jan. 1, 1880 at Stratford Hollow, Esther W. Burdick (b. Aug. 18, 1855; d. Jan. 2, 1903).

Children:

- i. Lois May,⁵ b. Feb. 6, 1881; m. March 29, 1898, John R. Bishop (b. Barnston, Stanstead Co., P. Q., Nov. 1, 1866). Children both b. Rumford Falls, Me. (1) Harlan Richard,⁶ b. June 21, 1899. (2) Arnold Eugene,⁶ b. Nov. 21, 1901.
- ii. Myrtie Cylena,⁵ b. Sept. 6, 1887.
- iii. Eva Dora,⁵ b. Nov. 19, 1892.
- 27 MARTIN HARTLAND,⁴ (John,³ Robert,² William,¹) b. May 17, 1857; com. sch. ed.; farmer on homestead, introducing many improvements; invented and patented the 1st heater for watering troughs, applying the principle of downward draught; installed the 1st silo in town, and was the first to use the Babcock test for milk, and the first to test for tuberculosis and has been active promoting the interests of farmers in legislative sessions at Montpelier. Has been, and is still interested in the brick and granite industries of the town, employing many men. (See Chap. XVIII.) Member since the age of 16 of the United Pres. ch. at Ryegate Corner; collector for many years, also S. S. Supt., and with

J. H. Symes and S. F. Nelson, a committee for building the present church at a cost of \$6,600, and dedicated free from debt. He m. Jan. 1, 1884, Mary Caroline Clark (b. Peacham, Dec. 11, 1864; d. June 19, 1901). [She was a descendant of Rev. E. W. Clark, a native of Haverhill, N. H., the 1st missionary to Hawaii, her sister Martha (Mrs. Hilton Pedley), being a missionary for many years in Japan; gr. niece of Oliver Johnson, the noted editor; gr. gr. dau. of Rev. David Merrill,* author of the celebrated "Ox Sermon."] President many yrs. of the local W. C. T. U., prominent in town and county church and temperance work. A woman of rare worth whose death was a great loss to her family and the community.

Children all born in Ryegate:

- i. John Clark,⁵ b. May 22, 1885; grad. St. Johnsbury Bus. Coll.
- ii. Charles Edward,⁵ Jan. 1, 1887; grad. Dartmouth Coll., 1910.
- iii. Paul Miller,⁵ b. Oct. 16, 1888; in Dart. Coll., class of 1913.
- iv. William Martin,⁵ b. Sept. 20, 1890.
- v. Mary Helen,⁵ b. Nov. 15, 1892; in St. J. Acad.
- vi. Clarissa,⁵ b. Oct. 31, 1894; in St. J. Acad.
- vii. Robert Wesson,⁵ b. Jan. 3, 1897.
- viii. Jesse Merrill,⁵ b. Dec. 8, 1899.
- ix. Martin Hartland,⁵ (twin to above); d. Nov. 20, 1900.
- x. Mary Florella,⁵ b. June 19, 1901.
- xi. Caroline Elizabeth,⁵ (twin to above.)

- 28 WILLIAM A.,⁴ (Pringle,³ Alexander,² William,¹) b. May 27, 1861; ed. St. J. Acad. On farm till sold, 1883; in bus. with his father at So. R., under the name of P. Gibson & Son, 1884-'91; clerk for former, 1891-'95; in employ of Pike Mfg. Co., Haverhill, N. H., 1895-'97; deputy-sheriff for Grafton Co., 1897-1904, and jailor at Haverhill, Jan. 1897, till the jail was completed at the county farm; P. M. at Haverhill, March 1, 1897-June, 1904; rem. to Concord, N. H., now in Nelson's department store, Manchester, N. H. He m. Jan. 15, 1885, Martha, dau. Daniel Wormword of Groton.

Children all b. in Ryegate.

- i. Frances Cevesta,⁵ b. May 27, 1886; ed. Haverhill, N. H., Acad., and bus. sch. at Concord; m. June 28, 1906, Herman L. Tabor of C., contractor and builder. Ch. Harold Ellsworth,⁶ b. May 7, 1909.
 - ii. Benjamin Harrison,⁵ b. March 9, 1889; ed. Newbury H. S.; res. Concord, N. H., cashier for Nat. Biscuit Co. He m. Dec. 8, 1909, Pearl A. Taft of St. Johns, N. B.
 - iii. Rosabel,⁵ b. Jan. 2, 1891; m. March 30, 1910, Walter K. Blackburn, engraver; res. Concord, N. H. Ch. Ralph Wallace, b. Aug. 15, 1911;
- 29 MARTIN D.,⁴ (James W.,³ David,² William,¹) b. Barnet, Jan. 22, 1852; farmer, on homestead, which he sold a few yrs. ago and rem. to Barnet Vil., and res. there. He m. Nov. 8, 1883, Ida Olena Felch of St. Johnsbury (b. St. J., Dec. 24, 1861; d. Barnet Sept. 28, 1884.) Ch. Milo Albert,⁵ b. Aug. 22, 1884; grad. McL. Acad., 1902; Vt. Univ., 1906; teacher one yr. at Johnson, 3 yrs. at Burlington. Accepted an appointment from the Carnegie foundation which stationed him for one year at Kiel, Germany; ret. to Am. 1898; in Europe 1910-11; has delivered lectures upon the Passion Play of Ober-Ammergau. Member of Delta Psi College Fraternity; Waterman Lodge, No. 83, F. & A. M.; Burlington Chapt., No. 3, R. A. M.; Burlington Council No. 5, R. and S. M.; Burlington Commandery, No. 2, K. T.

* NOTE.—Rev. David Merrill, a native of Peacham, who also d. there, while a Congregational minister in Ill., preached a sermon from Exodus xxi: 28, 29, which was one of the most powerful temperance arguments ever delivered, and which has had a circulation of many millions of copies.

ROBERT GIBSON FAMILY.

(Ancestry same as preceding family.)

ROBERT,¹ son of Robert, and gr. son of Alexander, b. Auchenloden Farm, Oct. 22, 1761; m. 1st at Paisley, 1791, Bethia Lee of Stanley Green; she d. and he m. 2d in the spring of 1811, Jean Baird of Paisley (b. 1779; d. April 20, 1850). They came to Ryegate from Scotland, 1820 and bought of Stewart and Wm. Harvey, the farm where his son Wm. F. afterward lived. He was an elder in the church in Scotland, as his father and gr. father were before him, and on coming to Ryegate was chosen an elder in the Ass. ch. holding the office during life. He d. Jan. 4, 1842, and his w. 1853; bur. in Walter Harvey cemetery. Robert was the only one of the Gibson family who adhered to Rev. Wm. Pringle in the church troubles, and was called "The Apostle," and his son Wm. F., was distinguished from the other Wm. Gibsons by the title of "The Apostle's Will."

Children:

- i. Bethia,² b. July 21, 1792; d. July 16, 1877; m. James,² (Wm.,¹) Gibson, q. v.
- ii. Robert,² b. March 27, 1794; came to America several years before his father; was employed in building the State prison; emigrated to Canada and lived near London, Ont., and d. un-m. 1861.
- iii. Alexander,² b. March 5, 1796; m. Agnes Baird of Paisley; lived and d. in Scotland.
- iv. Agnes,² b. Oct. 19, 1797; m. James Esden in Scotland, and rem. there.
- v. Janet,² b. June 1, 1804; d. y.

By 2d marriage.

- vi. Margaret,² b. Jan. 15, 1812; d. Dec. 4, 1892; m. March 24, 1835, as 2d w., James Davis of Peacham, who d. Jan. 27, 1880. No ch. An adopted dau. lives in Maryland.
- vii. Janet,² b. Oct. 9, 1813; d. March, 1894; m. March 17, 1842, A. Harvey Brock, q. v.
- viii. Matthew Baird,² b. Aug. 9, 1815; res. Boston; paper hanger; m. 1st, Mrs. Anna Sumner of Boston. 2d, Mrs. Lizzie Taylor of Boston. He d. May 30, 1881.
- ix. William Fulton, b. Aug. 19, 1817.
- 1 WILLIAM FULTON,² (Robert,¹) b. at Johnstone, Aug. 19, 1817; came to Am. with parents, brother and two sisters; farmer on homestead till 1890, when he bought a small place at Ryegate Corner, where he d. Was quite ingenious, well-read, a good singer, of strict integrity. Prohibitionist in politics. He m. by Rev. Thos. Goodwillie, May 21, 1846, Phebe Buchanan, dau. Wm. and Janet [Buchanan] Somers (b. Barnet, May 17, 1823; d. March 10, 1901). Ed. Danville and Peacham Acad's and Newbury Seminary. Member 1st of Ass. Pres. ch., Barnet; both joined the Ass. Pres. ch. Ryegate, Sept. 30, 1848; she was a member 10 or 12 yrs. of Ref. Pres. ch. Barnet. He d. Jan. 20, 1899.

Children:

- 2 i. Anna Somers,³ b. April 20, 1847.
- ii. Janet Buchanan,³ b. Jan. 16, 1849; d. Oct. 14, 1850.
- iii. Ella Letitia,³ b. Jan. 7, 1851; m. Wm. T. McLam, q. v.
- iv. Curtis H.,³ b. Aug. 15, 1853; d. Aug. 15, 1854.
- 3 v. Carma Jean,³ b. Nov. 6, 1855.
- 4 vi. Sumner Cornelius,³ b. Dec. 26, 1857.
- 5 vii. Frederick Lincoln,³ b. Aug. 28, 1860.
- 6 viii. Frank Llewellyn,³ b. Sept. 29, 1862.
- ix. Edith Bethia,³ b. March 25, 1865; m. E. S. Miller, q. v.
- 2 ANNA SOMERS,³ (Wm. F.,² Robert,¹) b. April 20, 1847. Ed. McIndoes Acad., m. Feb. 18, 1868, Josiah H. Moore of Barnet (member of Co. D, 1st Vt. Cav., in the Civil War; enlisted Sept. 25, 1861, private; pro. for

bravery to 2d Lieut., wounded June 29, 1864; taken prisoner and confined in Libby Prison till exchanged Dec. 1864; must. out June 21, 1865). Settled near Rushford, Minn., 1868, and res. there; farmer. He d Aug. 15, 1911.

Children:

- i. Howard Burton,⁴ [Moore] b. July 4, 1872. At home.
 - ii. May Louverne,⁴ [Moore] b. Nov. 14, 1874; d. Jan., 1903.
 - iii. Edith Maude,⁴ [Moore] b. March 13, 1878; m. Jan. 1, 1902, Charles Allen Fobes; res. Sleepy Eye, Minn., electrician. Ch. (1) Anna May,⁵ b. Feb. 6, 1904. (2) Janett,⁵ b. Aug., 1906. (3) Margaret,⁵ b. Nov. 6, 1910.
 - iv. Alice Genevieve,⁴ [Moore] b. Feb. 28, 1883; at home.
 - v. Ray Judson,⁴ [Moore] b. March 29, 1888; student at Wisconsin, Univ., in civil engineering.
- 2 CARMA JEAN,³ (Wm. F.,² Robert,¹) b. Nov. 6, 1855; ed. Peacham Acad., Emp. 1879-'82, Taunton (Mass.) Ins. Asy.; in Dak. with bros., 3 yrs., in Ryegate 2 yrs., in Dak. 1888-'90, in Ryegate. 1890-1904; rem. to Morgan Hill, Cal., fruit raising. Mem. U. P. ch., Ryegate, and now of Morgan Hill U. P. ch., and connected with S. S., missionary, and temperance work.
- SUMNER CORNELIUS,³ (Wm. F.,² Robert,¹) b. Dec. 26, 1857; ed. Peacham Acad., went to So. Dak., 1879; farmer near Bard, Hanson Co., 24 yrs., excepting eight yrs., general merchant at Bard, and P. M. Rem. Dec. 1903 to Modesto, Cal., fruit raising and farming; united with U. P. ch., Ryegate, 1875; connected with M. E. ch. at Bard; has held public office; Prohibitionist. He m. at Rushford, Minn., Nov. 1, 1888, Frances A., dau. James,³ (James,² Wm.,¹) Nelson of Ryegate (b. Oct. 8, 1856). Mem. of Pres. ch., in Cal. and in S. S., and temperance work.
- Children:
- i. Nelson William,⁴ b. Sept. 20, 1889.
 - ii. Olive,⁴ b. Nov. 28, 1890.
 - iii. Gladys,⁴ b. June 28, 1892.
 - iv. Donald Cameron,⁴ b. Sept. 25, 1896.
 - v. Isabel Edith,⁴ b. April 18, 1899.
- 5 FREDERICK LINCOLN,³ b. Aug. 28, 1860; ed. Peacham Acad., teaching winters; entered N. E. Conservatory of Music, 1884, grad. from dept. of piano and organ tuning, teacher of vocal music and piano tuning; took a course later in Emerson School of Oratory, Boston, and in company with his wife and others. frequently gave literary and musical entertainments; joined U. P. ch. 1875. He m. Jan. 16, 1900, Cynthia A. Wilson of Lyme, N. H., where they res., and are members of Cong. ch. Rem. 1911 to White River Junction.

Children:

- i. Marion Estelle,⁴ b. Dec. 15, 1900.
 - ii. Velma Ardelle,⁴ b. Oct. 22, 1903.
- FRANK LLWELLYN,³ (Wm. J.,² Robert,¹) b. Sept. 22, 1862; ed. Peacham Acad.; went 1883 to So. Dakota; farmer there till 1902; in Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, nearly three yrs. in all; in Miss. and S. S. work in W. Va., Sept. 1905-Aug., 1908, when he ret. to Ryegate to regain his health. He m. June 14, 1911, Agnes Bernice, dau. of J. E. Cox of Wells River (b. June, 1892). Farmer in Groton.

GIBSON-GILCHRIST.

- ELIZA,³ or Elizabeth, dau. of John,² (William,¹) Gibson b. Ryegate, Dec. 15, 1813; m. Sept. 27, 1848, Dea. James Gilchrist of McIndoe Falls [He was b. in Barnet, Jan., 1792; lived with his brothers and sisters in the brick house next north of the Cong. ch. at McIndoes; after m. he built and lived in a house now owned by the heirs of Mrs. John

Gleason. John Gibson spent his last years with his dau. there. Dea. G., Azro Dutton and John Gleason were the promoters in building the church and academy. Held offices and was town representative 1840-41.] He d. Sept., 1878; she d. June, 1901.

Children all born in Barnet.

- i. Oscar J.,⁴ [Gilchrist,] b. Aug. 8, 1849; grad. Dartmouth Coll., 1871, Long Island Hospital 1874; physician at Rutland, Vt. He m. Oct. 3, 1876, Martha E. E. Bradford, (b. Grafton, Nov. 22, 1843.) Ch. Bt h Bradford,⁵ b. Peacham, 1879; grad. Mt. Holyoke Coll., 1902.
 - ii. Elizabeth J.,⁴ [Gilchrist,] b. Sept. 29. 1851; m. Sept. 8, 1874, Amos Boyd Perry, merchant at McIndoes, (b. Cabot, Vt., June 2, 1845.) Res. Mass.
- Children:
- (1) Mabelle Louise,⁵ [Perry] b. McIndoes, Nov. 27, 1875; m. Oct. 16, 1901, Herbert Stephen Drew. Ch. b. at Cambridge, Mass., (1) Louise Perry,⁶ [Drew], b. March 2, 1905. (2) Herbert Chandler,⁶ [Drew,] b. Feb. 19, 1909.
 - (2) Virginia Elizabeth,⁵ [Perry], b. Apr. 2, 1889.
 - iii. John Alexander,⁴ [Gilchrist], b. Feb. 21, 1854; lived at McIndoes; rem. April, 1881 to Seneca, Kan., where he was in creamery bus. Elected 1885 cashier of State Bank, afterward National Bank of Seneca; rem. 1878 to Kansas City, Mo. In live stock commission bus. 11 yrs. K. C. stock yards; 1898 to date, manager of interests for non-resident owners of supply house. He m. 1st, McIndoes, Oct. 1876, Fannie H. Hibbard, who d. March, 1881; bur McIndoes. Ch. (1) Leslie James,⁵ b. April 13, 1878; res. El Paso, Texas, where he is cashier of State National Bank. He m. May 31, 1909, at Maquam, Ill., Lydia Green. Ch. Jean,⁶ b. 1901. (2) George A.,⁵ b. 1880; d. June, 1881. He m. 2d 1886, Mrs. Ocker, a widow. No ch. but her child's name was changed by the courts from Fred S. Ocker to Fred S. Gilchrist, who res. at Wichita, Kan.

In reviewing these annals of the Gibsons we must offer a tribute of admiration to these sterling families and the part they have performed in the social, religious, and business life of Ryegate for more than a century. And that the attempt to gather their annals has elicited the interest of their descendants, is attested by the fact that no fewer than fifty-seven persons of these families have furnished records or assisted in their compilation.

GILFILLAN.*

The Gilfillans who settled in Vermont, came from Balfron, Scotland. Balfron lies in the region of Strathendrick or Valley of the Endrick, a river somewhat smaller than the Passumpsic. It empties into Loch Lomond. Balfron is about 18 miles northwest from Glasgow and is a village of eight or nine hundred people. The parish records of Scotland have been lately gathered up and are now stored in Edinboro. Most of the early settlers of Ryegate and Barnet can be traced to ancestors more or less remote from these records of old Sterling. The Gilfillan family can be traced back nearly to the beginning of the 18th century. The parish church of Balfron after the revolution of 1688, was organized anew in 1691. One of the elders was Wm. Gilfillan and it is recorded that he attended every meeting of the session for 20 years. In another line of the race was Samuel Gilfillan, a son of a merchant at Bucklyvia about three miles from Balfron. He was a life time minister at Camrie. His wife was Rachel Barlas, who was

*By W. N. Gilfillan.

known as the "Star of the North," being a wonderful housekeeper and homemaker. They had 12 children. Of these James was a minister at Sterling and George became a noted writer and preacher for almost 42 years at Dundee. He was one of the most notable Scotsmen of his time and was considered by many to be the brightest star in the literary firmament of Perthshire. Another brother was William, whose sons James and Samuel were a long time engaged in East India trade and later as bankers in London where they now reside.

The direct ancestor of the Gilfillans who came to Vermont, was Thomas who married Margaret Dunn. The place they occupied was known as "Wood End," a part of the Ballikinrain estate about a mile from Balforn. The old house is gone but the new one is said to be just like it and is now occupied by a family named Robertson. A glimpse of Loch Lomond and Ben Lomond can be seen from this place. William Gilfillan, son of Thomas married Helen Stevenson, daughter of Robert Stevenson and Mary Adam, his wife, of the parish of Denny. They gave their names for marriage on May 17th, 1759. Their children were James, William, Robert, John, Thomas, David, Margaret and Mary. Wm. and Thomas came to America in 1790, Robert, John, David and Margaret in 1794. The others remained in Scotland.

DAVID,¹ married Margaret Warden and settled on a farm on Danville line, now occupied by the family of the late James Lang. They cleared the land from the primeval forest and were pioneers indeed. He is described as a sturdy Scot of the old school. The Sabbath day was as sacred to him as life itself. As there were many Sabbaths when there was no preaching "Society meetings," as they were called, were held at his house, "conducted with as much decorum and sanctity as any church service." He may well be described by another "as an old father, somewhere back in the country perhaps, square and solid as a block of granite, yet simple and kindly as the wild flowers that bloom in his own meadow lands, an old father honored by all who knew him for his truth, fidelity, piety, sympathy and good neighborliness, a steadfast servant of God." He d. Aug. 30, 1853, aged 76 years. His wife d. March 24, 1852, aged 71 years. They are buried at Barnet Center. Their children were William,² who married Jane Dixon. They had six children. He d. May 2, 1874, aged 71 years. She d. Sept. 7, 1876, aged 69; bur. at Westmore.

- ii. DAVID JR.,² not married; died Feb. 23, 1854, aged 49; bur. at Barnet Center.
- iii. JAMES,² m. Elsie Shearer; 3 chil., d. Oct. 16, 1887, aged 82. She d. Sept. 7, 1884, aged 70; bur. at East Burke.
- iv. ROBERT,² m. Jerusha Aldrich; 7 chil. He d. Sept. 29, 1897; aged 86; she d. Nov. 27, 1908, aged 96; bur. at Barnet Center.
- v. ISABEL,² married John Galbraith; 6 chil. She d. April 12, 1874, aged 65 years; he d. May 14, 1870, aged 65; bur. at Barnet Center.
- vi. MOSES,² not married; d. Feb. 24, 1879, aged 65; bur. at Barnet Center.
- vii. ANDREW,² m. Elizabeth Nelson.
- viii. JOHN,² m. Susan Blodgett; 5 chil. He d. Feb. 8, 1900, aged 81; she d. Feb. 23, 1891, aged 67; bur. at Brownington.

These men were born with a pioneer spirit. Six of them went to Orleans Co., in early manhood and cleared up hundreds of acres near Lake Willoughby. Andrew's wife was a daughter of Wm. Nelson 2d, of Ryegate. They were married Feb. 24, 1846, and began housekeeping in a log cabin in Brownington. They remained there seven years; moved to Hardwick and lived one year in the Goodrich Dist. Mr. G. worked on a farm for \$12.50 per month, though offered \$1 per day for carpenter work. He was in his prime at this time. Moved to Greensboro in 1855 and purchased the James Shaw farm near the Lumsden place and remained 11 years. Moved to Barnet and rented the Mc-

Phoebe farm near Harvey Mountain for one year. Purchased the Alex Holmes farm in the Whitehill Dist., Ryegate and lived one year there. Purchased the Walter Buchanan farm at So. Ryegate in the fall of 1867, where he died July 10, 1892, aged 77. Mrs. Gilfillan died Oct. 7, 1891, aged nearly 80. Mr. Gilfillan was a genial kindly man always glad to help in time of need. He liked to do his work well and a good lot of it. He was robust and knew but little of the "ills flesh is heir to," and was stricken down in strong manhood though past three score and ten.

WILLIAM NELSON,³ (Andrew,²) was b. in Brownington, Vt., June 7, 1847; he was educated in the common schools and one year at Peacham Academy, one term under the late C. Q. Terrill and three under C. A. Bunker; taught school in McLam Dist., in 1869-70, boarding around greatly enjoying the home life among the splendid people of that section; taught on Jefferson Hill in Newbury in '70 and '71, boarding at Wm. Bailey's and Wm. and Lucinda White's and enjoyed the term very much; was obliged to give up teaching on account of ill health and spent seven months at Dr. Jackson's Sanatorium, Dansville, New York, received great benefit and was charmed by the "simple life" of the "Home on the Hillside;" returning to the farm helped build the new house in 1874; went to Springfield, Vt., for two years as shipping clerk for the "Industrial Works," a successful cooperative enterprise, and became president of the Co. Owing to a serious fire and the panic of '77 this Co. was obliged to suspend. He returned to the farm and married S. Elizabeth Henderson, daughter of David T. Henderson of Boltonville, Vt., March 14, 1877. D. T. Henderson was the son of James Henderson and his wife, Elizabeth Todd. Much of romance still lingers around the memory of Miss Todd who left a home of wealth and luxury in Glasgow and became the wife of a pioneer in the wilds of Vermont and the mother of 14 children. (See History of Newbury) Mrs. D. T. Henderson was daughter of Jacob Bailey, son of Joshua son of Gen. Jacob Bailey, pioneer of Newbury. Her father was a soldier in 1812, and her grandfather and great grandfather were both in the Revolutionary army, as was her maternal grandfather, Wm. Peach. Mrs. Gilfillan was educated in the schools of Newbury and taught school for several terms.

Children:

IRVING HENRY,⁴ b. Sept. 24, 1878; educated in the schools of Ryegate; is on the home farm and deals in live stock, lumber, etc., has placed many car loads of high bred dairy stock in the middle west.

BAILEY HENDERSON,⁴ b. April 5, 1881; he was a good scholar and a bright, happy boy; he was stricken with pneumonia and passed over Jan. 16, 1895. "Our sunshine grew strangely dark."

* WILLIAM,² (Robert ¹) b. Jan. 27, 1795; came to America with parents and m. March 21, 1821, Isabel Morrison (b. Balfour, Scot., July 10, 1797; d. March 10, 1880). They lived on the farm now owned by Mr. Trask, in the n. e. corner of Ryegate, where he d. Feb. 21, 1835. She rem. to what is called the Hunt place, now owned by Mr. Bedell, and thence to Barnet, 1849, afterwards making her home with her son James.

Children all b. in Ryegate:

- i. Jean,³ b. Jan. 20, 1822; m. 1845, Henry Shepard; rem. to Holderness, N. H. One dau., Sarah; all dead.
- ii. Robert,³ b. July 6, 1823; d. March 11, 1842.
- iii. James,³ b. Nov. 24, 1824; res. Barnet; m. Dec. 24, 1857, Jane, dau. Walter Buchanan of Ryegate, (b. Feb. 17, 1825; d. June 12, 1880). Chil. (1) Mary Isabel,⁴ b. July 21, 1852; m. Daniel E. McClellan; res. Canada, but ret. to the States, now res. at Middlebury, Vt. Is in the

*By J. C. Gilfillan.

- steam shovel bus. Ch. Jennie Blanche (b. April 26, 1889). (2) John Charles,⁴ b. Sept. 25, 1860, res. St. Johnsbury; connected with the firm of Varnum & Gilfillan, contractors. He m. Calista A. Dole. Chil. (a) Freda Jane⁵ b. March 21, 1892. (b) Ross,⁵ b. May 26, d. Oct. 26, 1896. (c) Lilla Fayalene,⁵ b. May 8, 1899.
- iv. William,³ b. Aug. 2, 1826; farmer in Peacham and Barnet; in California two years in the early 50's. He m. March 10, 1853 Alma Currier, who d. 1904 on the home place at E. Barnet; later he res. with his dau's at E. Barnet, and Auburndale, Mass., where he d. March 12, 1911; members of Barnet Ctr. ch. Ch. (1) George C.,⁴ manager of a correspondence school at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. (2) Lura M.,⁴ m. Dr. Hutchinson, a prominent physician of Auburndale, Mass. (3) Carrie B., m. G. E. Corriveau of Barnet; res. on the home farm.
- v. Jemina,³ b. July 15, 1829; m. March 28, 1850, Josiah Varnum; res. in Danville. He d. 1884. Ch. (1) Henry,⁴ [Varnum] d. y. (2) Harvey W.,⁴ connected with the Varnum-Gilfillan Co., R. R. Contractors, also in the granite quarry of Milne & Varnum of Barre; res. Jeffersonville, Vt. (3) Byron G., on home farm in Danville. Mrs. Varnum m. 2d. 1886, Fred Green of No. Danville, where he d. and where she still resides.
- vi. Helen,³ b. July 17, 1831; m. April 3, 1855, Sherman Hoyt; res. in Barnet. He is d. and she is with her s. Elmer. Ch. (1) Viola J.,⁴ [Hoyt] m. Charles Lyman of Mass. Rem. to Greenfield, Mass., and there d. leaving one dau. (2) Elmer E.,⁴ res. Bethel, Vt. (3) Isabel M.,⁴ d. at 35.
- vii. John,³ b. April 15, 1833; d. of scarlet fever, March 13, 1842, two days after his bro. Robert.
- viii. Isabel,³ b. Nov. 21, 1834; m. 1864, C. Wesley Balch; res. St. Johnsbury, where Mr. B. d. leaving one dau. Daisy E., who res. in Boston. She m. 2d, a Mr. Thayer of Whitefield who is dead, and she res. at Passumpsic, Vt.

GOODWIN.

This family disappeared from Ryegate many years ago, but there were several of the name here in early years, and their descendants are widely scattered. John S. Goodwin of Chicago says that Edward¹ Goodwin of Eng., and Amesbury, Mass., had a son Richard,² whose 2d son, also named Richard,³ was father of John,⁴ Simeon,⁴ and Samuel.⁴

JOHN,⁴ was a grantee of Newbury; m. Abigail Wells and was father of three chil. who lived here—Moses,⁵ Willoughby,⁵ and Mary,⁵ who m. John Thomas, q. v., and three others, one of whom was James who lived here a short time.

WILLOUGHBY,⁵ m. April 19, 1781 (Newbury record), his cousin Mary,⁵ dau. Simeon,⁴ Goodwin, and lived here about 14 years, removing to Colebrook, N. H., ab. 1795. He lived near the Corner, his farm comprising the west part of the John Nelson farm, and the n. w. part of the W. J. Gibson farm.

MOSES,⁵ (John,⁴) m. Tryphena, dau. James Ladd of Haverhill.

Children as given by J. M. Goodwin.

- i. Margaret,⁶ b. Ryegate, May 19, 1792; m. April 18, 1814, Simon Heath.
- 1 ii. Wells,⁶ b. Ryegate, Nov. 9, 1794.
- iii. Timothy,⁶ b. April 17, 1796; studied for the ministry and d.
- iv. Moses,⁶ b. Feb. 14, 1798.
- v. Hannah,⁶ b. Dec. 12, 1799; m. John Chapman of Haverhill.
- vi. Laura,⁶ b. Jan. 18, 1801.
- vii. Abigail,⁶ b. Nov. 15, 1803; Daniel Fisher of Fairlee, who d. in Haverhill.
- vi. Lucretia,⁶ b. March 24, 1805.
- x. George,⁶ b. Jan. 30, 1807; m. a Miss Simonds of Wentworth, N. H.

In 1807 Moses Goodwin deserted his family. No one knows what became of him, and his wife m in Piermont, N. H.. 1811, Daniel Heath, by whom she had a son and 3 daus.

- 1 WELLS,⁶ (Moses,⁵ John,⁴) b. Nov. 9, 1794 on the Gray farm; enlisted Feb. 14, 1813, in Capt. John W. Weeks' Co., of the 11th U. S. Infantry, commanded by Col. Moody Bedell of Haverhill. This Co. was stationed at Burlington during the winter of 1813-'14. He served in the campaign in Canada, was in the battles of Chippewa and Prescott and was wounded in the leg at the battle of Lundy's Lane, July 25, 1814. He drew pay and pension nearly 82 years and at his death was the last enlisted soldier of the war of 1812 in Vt. He m. at Haverhill, Oct. 3, 1819, Lydia, dau. Daniel and Martha [Merrill] Heath, who was one day older than himself, their married life being 68 yrs. 1 mo. 19d., till her death, Dec. 27, 1881. He voted at 20 presidential elections, and retained his memory till within a year or two of his death. They lived on the Robert Whitelaw farm four years, then rem. to the Corner in 1824, and lived on the farm now owned by Wm. H. Nelson, building the kitchen part of that house; rem. to Newbury, 1846, and d. there, Dec. 11, 1894, aged 100 yrs., 2 mo. 2 dys., the only native of this town, so far as known, to pass the century mark. Bur. in Town House Cem., Newbury. Farmer and shoemaker; he was road surveyor in the Ryegate Corner dist. 17 years, and it was by him that the main street was widened and turnpiked. It was before called "Scanty Lane."

Children. (For those who lived in Newbury, see History of N.)

- 2 i. John Merrill,⁷ b. July 17, 1820.
 - ii. Helen ⁷ b. Oct. 19, 1821; m. George Rhodes, q. v.
 - iii. Austin,⁷ b. May 25, 1822; drowned at Hooksett, N. H., Dec. 21, 1844.
 - iv. Jane,⁷ b. June 18, 1823; d. Dec. 21, 1844.
 - v. Timothy,⁷ b. Sept. 24, 1827.
 - vi. Lavinia ⁷ b. April 5, 1829; d. Dec. 18, 1854.
 - vii. William,⁷ b. April 16, 1831; d. 1910; lived in Newbury.
 - viii. Daniel W.,⁷ b. Dec. 31, 1832; d. May 15, 1833.
 - ix. Annette,⁷ b. Feb. 7, 1834; res. Derry, N. H.
 - x. Jane ⁷ b. Oct. 30, 1835; m. J. C. Leavitt of Newbury.
 - xi. Edwin,⁷ b. July 7, 1838; d. March 12, 1839.
 - xii. Elizabeth,⁷ b. July 7, 1841; m. O. C. Temple of Newbury.
- 2 JOHN MERRILL,⁷ (Wells,⁷ Moses,⁶) b. in the old house on A. M. Whitelaw's farm, July 17, 1820; served in the Mexican war, enlisted April, 1847 in Co. C. 7th U. S. Inf., trans. to Co. H., reaching Vera Cruz in June, was in the battles of Canteras, Cherubusco and Malino del Rey. At the storming of Cherubusco he was the 1st man over the wall, which won him promotion. Prom. to rank of Orderly Sergeant dis. at Newport, R. I., Aug. 23, 1848. (For family see Hist. of Newbury). He d. N., Sept. 8, 1910, aged 90 yrs. 1 mo. 24 dys. He was a very active man to the last, and contributed many valuable particulars for this volume. It is remarkable that Wells Goodwin and J. Merrill Goodwin, father and son, both b. in Ryegate, and both d. in Newbury, should have been respectively the last survivors in Vt. of the War of 1812 and the Mexican war.
- MOSES,⁶ (Moses,⁵ John,⁴) b. Ryegate, Feb. 14, 1798; farmer in R. Rem. to Newbury. ab. 1832; he m. Feb. 13, 1823, Elizabeth, dau. Timothy Clark of N. He d. Lisbon N. H., March 28, 1865. His oldest son, Charles, b. R., March 22, 1825, served in the Civil war in Co. A, 20th Mass., killed in the Wilderness, May 5, 1864. His name should be added to the list of veterans of Ryegate. (For family of Moses,⁶ Goodwin, see Hist. of Newbury.)

GRANT.

WILLIAM,¹ b. Burochan Mills, Scotland, 1774; came to America ab. 1800; m. Feb. 9, 1804 to Mary, dau. Dea. Andrew Brock, the 1st marriage solemnized in America by Rev. David Sutherland. They settled on the "Milligan Farm," then lived in Cambridge, N. Y., ret. to Ryegate and bought the farm known as the "Folger place," on Blue Mountain. William Grant was of a roving nature, and late in life went to California and rem. some time. He d. Nov. 8, 1860; she d. Newbury, May 12, 1865 (b. July 26, 1785). Both bur. Ryegate Corner.

Children:

- i. Jane,² b. Aug. 2, 1804; m. Robert Hall, Jr., q. v.
- ii. William,² b. Dec. 26, 1806; Charlestown, N. Y., farmer in Newbury; rem. to E. Corinth, 1845, where he carried on the carriage making business; m. March 17, 1831, Finett, dau. Stephen P. Nelson of Newbury, who d. July 14, 1877, aged 60. He d. Nov. 17, 1873; 6 chil. (See Newbury History.)
- iii. Andrew,² b. Ryegate or Newbury, May 14, 1808. "Bound out" to James Wallace, and later was a porter at Mt. Holyoke Female Seminary when that institution first opened under Mary Lyon; farmer and carpenter in Newbury; member of the Methodist church about 60 years, and justly esteemed one of the excellent of the earth. In person he was said to bear a considerable resemblance to Sir Walter Scott. He m. Philena, dau. David Daily, who d. May, 1888. He d. March 10, 1889. No. chil.
- iv. Mary,² b. May 12, 1810, Ryegate; m. Aug. 2, 1831, Geo. R. Leslie of Wells River, who d. May 10, 1865; she d. Jan. 30, 1895. Chil. (1) George, b. April 24, 1834; cashier Jan. 1, 1858, till death, Nov. 21, 1893, of the bank at Wells River. He m. May 25, 1859, Anna D. Smith of Thetford. His son, Roscoe, is connected with the bank. (2) Kate, m. Sept. 25, 1867, J. L. Whitcomb of Savannah, Ga., d. Wells River, Feb. 28, 1906. (3) Harry A., salesman; m. Feb. 18, 1872, Clara Perry of Gardiner, Me. 2 chil. d. 1908. (4) Mary E., d. Aug. 12, 1849. (5) Ella J., m. Dec. 5, 1883, Edgar C. Graves of Wells River. Chil. Arthur L., Katherine J.
- v. Nancy,² b. Oct. 18, 1812; m. James Matthews. settled at Akron, Ohio. Dead many years.
- vi. Alexander,² b. Nov. 18, 1814; d. at 22 yrs.
- vii. Janet,² b. Aug. 22, 1819; d. at 5 yrs.

GRANT.

JAMES DUFFS,³ gr. son of James,¹ who came from Strathspey in the Scottish Highlands to work for for Miss Rose Inness who owned the estate of Nethersole on Deveronside, Banffshire. He m. Elspit Kier, who outlived him many years and d. ab. 1860, aged 82. Their chil. were: James,² a farmer; William,² a laborer; David,² and Mary,² the youngest son being the only one who ever married. David,² m. Ann, dau. James Duffs, who was a crofter in Lathness, Aberdeenshire, laborer and tenant farmer on a farm of 60 acres.

Children:

- 1 i. James D.,³ b. Jan. 5, 1846.
 - ii. David,³ blacksmith at Cullen, Banff. 2 dau's.
 - iii. William,³ un-m., farmer and porter in the Royal Infirmary at Aberdeen.
 - iv. Ann,³ m. John Bremner; d. Aberdeen, 1908. 3 sons.
 - v. Elsie,³ m. Theodore Milne, stone mason at Toronto. 7 chil.
 - vi. Mary,³ m. Peter Urquhart, farmer at Waterloo, Newbyth, Aberdeenshire. 7 ch.
- 1 JAMES DUFFS,³ (James², David,¹) b. Gask, near Turriff, Aberdeenshire, Scot., Jan. 5, 1846; ed. at public sch., at Downies, Inverkeiriting, winters,

"herd-laddie," summers, and at a private school at Turriff, taught by James Ingram; began 1864, to learn mason's trade at Huntley; apprentice 3 yrs. to Anderson & McKenzie, builders, journeyman mason at Banff, Inverurie, Aboyne and Aberdeen. He m. 1871 by Rev. J. Donald, Margaret Stevenson, only dau. James and Jane [Brown] Cash (b. Glasgow, June 2, 1847.) Came to Portland, Me., 1873, on the Allan liner Polynesian; stone cutter at Dix Island for the N. Y. post office building; at Vinalhaven on stone for the State, War, and Navy Department building at Washington, and the Board of Trade building at Chicago. Ret. to Scotland. 1876, with family; in building work in the Turriff dist., and at Aberdeen; ret. to Vinalhaven, Me., 1879, working there and other places; worked at So. Ryegate for R. F. Carter summer of 1883; rem. there, 1884; foreman and letter cutter for M. F. McDonald; first sec'y So. R. branch of Granite Cutter's Union; sec. and treas. Union Co-operative Granite Co., member of Clan Farquharson. Was a ruling elder in Ref. Pres. ch. and Supt. S. S. Rem-to St. Johnsbury, 1892; manager there of Club house for Academy students till 1898, the children attending the Academy; rem. to Barre, 1898, Elder in 1st Pres. ch., Good Templar and Prohibitionist; rem. to Wells River 1906, and res. there. James Grant his grandfather, has many descendants, but James D.,³ is the last bearing the name of Grant.

Children:

- i. Maggie,² d. at Aberdeen, Scot., Sept. 7, 1872.
 - ii. Annie,² b. Vinalhaven, Maine, July 22, 1874; four yrs. course at St. J. Acad.; m. at Barre, Oct. 25, 1898, Dr. John Thomas, veterinary surgeon at Wells River, q. v. Ch. James Grant, b. Sept. 7, 1911.
 - iii. William Dougald,² b. Vinalhaven, March 12, 1876; took four yrs. course at St. J. Acad., where he was a member of Co. D, V. N. G., and became corporal; entered Vt. Univ. Ag. Dept. Enlisted 1898, in the 1st Vt. Reg., in the Spanish-American war; was with the Reg. at Burlington and from May 21, 1898 to August, at Camp Thomas, Chickamauga; ret. to B. and was mustered out; absent on sick leave when must. out, and never recovered his health. Ret. to Vt. Univ. and grad. 1900 with degree of Bachelor of Ag. Science; entered same year, the veterinary dept., Cornell Univ. Injured by a fall on icy sidewalk and had not strength to recover from an operation. He d. Utica, N. Y., March 12, 1901; bur. Hope Cem., Barre.
 - iv. Mary Jane,² b. Turriff, Scot., Feb. 12, 1878; ed. St. J. Acad., teacher at East Montpelier and m. Feb. 27, 1901, Nathan A. Cutler, farmer of that place, who d. 1910.
- Two other ch., boys, d. in inf. at Vinalhaven.

GRANT.

HERBERT R.,¹ b. Winterport, Me., May 15, 1826; d. Feb. 5, 1875; his w. Matilda Dodge, b. Monroe, Me., Nov. 9, 1833; d. So. Ryegate, Feb. 15, 1896.

Children:

- i. Alvin Dodge,² b. Winterport, May 22, 1855; came to So. R., August, 1883; blacksmith, and for many yrs. did much of the work for the granite sheds. He m. 1st, June, 1882, Mary Mudgett (b. Jackson, Me., Dec. 13, 1857; d. April 7, 1893). Chil. (1) Daisy, b. Oct. 24, 1883. (2) Lilly, b. July 3, 1889. He m. 2d, Dec. 25, 1896, Janet, dau. Donald Beaton of So. R. (b. Aberdeen, Scot., Nov. 5, 1869). Members of U. P. ch., So. R. Ch. (adopted) in 1904, Harold William, b. 1898.
- ii. Charles Herbert,² b. Winterport, June 12, 1873, Two yrs. at Norwich Univ.; stone cutter; came to R. 1890. He m. Ida May, dau. Ira D. and Jane [Heath] Welch; grad. Randolph Normal sch., teacher. Members of U. P. ch., So. R., in which he is an Elder and S. S. Supt.

Mrs. Grant's mother m. 2d, Dec. 4, 1884, Andrew Buchanan and Mr. G. bought the Buchanan homestead in 1907. Ch. (1) Dorothy Elizabeth,³ b. Feb. 13, 1902. (2) Charles Robert,³ b. June 4, 1904. (3) Beulah,³ b. Aug. 2, 1905.

GRAY.

JOHN,¹ b. Brigg of Johnstone, Elderslie, near Paisley, Scotland, 1748. Came to Ryegate, May, 1774; not a member of the Scotch American Co. Had but one shilling when he arrived; he selected a lot one-half mile n. of the Corner, built a log cabin and began to clear land, but worked the next winter in Newbury. Was the 2d captain of militia in Ryegate, was always called "Captain Gray," and kept for some years the only tavern between Newbury and Peacham. During the revolutionary war he was sometimes molested by Tories and Indians and at one time two companies of Continental troops camped on his farm. He was the father of the Associate Presbyterian church, and in April, 1775, traveled 140 miles on foot through the wilderness to Salem, N. Y., to obtain the services of Rev. Thomas Clark to preach here. John Gray and Andrew Brock were elected the first elders, holding the office till death. The Barnet church records show that he attended session meetings in that town about 40 times. Town rep. 1790, '91, '95, holding other important offices. "John Gray," says Mr. Miller, "was ever the peacemaker of Ryegate, and when men were differed it was he who was usually called upon to reconcile the parties." He was m. June 13, 1777, by Rev. Peter Powers, to Jean, dau. Robert McFarland, q. v. Their acquaintance began thus: She was at work at Mr. Power's and started on horseback to go to her father's in Barnet, and reaching Gray's cabin after dark, and not daring to traverse the wilderness with no guide but spotted trees, asked the privilege of remaining over night. He told her he had no bed and she would have to sleep on the floor, which she did. They were m. 2 yrs. later. She was a woman of great courage. Her adventure with a bear is elsewhere related. They were very hard working and industrious people, accumulating a large property. He d. Nov. 20, 1816. She was b. in Buchanan parish, Stirlingshire, Scotland, 1747, and d. in Ryegate, Dec. 11, 1837. Bur. at Ryegate Corner. She was a member of the Associate Ch. nearly 60 years.

Children:

- i. Agnes,² b. April 9, 1778; m. Robert² Nelson, q. v.
- ii. John,² b. June, 1779. In June, 1797, he went to Barnet to attend sacrament, was taken sick in meeting, and d. at Mr. McLaren's in a few hours, on the 30th and was bur. near the grave of Rev. Thomas Beveridge at Barnet Ctr.
- iii. Robert,² b. 1781; d. Aug. 20, 1798.
- iv. James,² b. 1783; d. Sept. 2, 1798.
- v. Hannah,² b. 1786; d. July 9, 1798.
- 1 vi. William,² b. June 12, 1789.
- vii. David,² b. 1790.

A sister of John Gray, Mrs. Margaret Foyer, came from Scotland in 1801, and lived in the Gray family till her death, June 6, 1833, aged about 77.

- 1 WILLIAM,² (John,¹) b. June 12, 1789; farmer on homestead; captain in the militia; town clerk 1829-'44, town representative 1827, '28, holding other offices; member of Associate ch. and a prominent citizen. He m. March 3, 1813, Isabel, dau. Matthew Roben (b. Feb. 3, 1793; d. Nov. 8, 1884). She was a member of the Associate Pres. ch. 71 yrs. and 4 mos.

Children:

- i. Jane,³ b. March 27, 1814; m. John² Cameron, q. v.

- ii. Hannah,³ b. Sept. 2, 1815; m. William Henderson, q. v.
- iii. John,³ b. June 11, 1817; d. Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 6, 1844.
- 2 iv. William B.,³ b. April 29, 1819.
- v. Isabel,³ b. July 27, 1821; m. Wm. L. Somers, q. v.
- 3 vi. Matthew R.,³ b. April 21, 1823.
- vii. Margaret,³ b. May 4, 1825; m. Henry F. Slack, q. v.
- viii. Mary,³ b. May 30, 1827; m. James Nelson, q. v.
- ix. Lois,³ b. Dec. 22, 1829; m. Charles Stuart, q. v.
- x. Francis A.,³ b. May 28, 1832; m. Pringle Gibson, q. v.
- xi. George Benson,³ b. Aug. 9, 1836.
- 2 WILLIAM B., (William,² John,¹) b. April 29, 1819; m. Eliza Davis of Georgetown, D. C.

This family went west and the following is all we can give of them.

Children: From town record.

- i. Eliza Jane,⁴ b. Aug. 17, 1856.
- ii. Eveline,⁴ b. Sept. 18, 1857.
- iii. Nelson Davis,⁴ b. Feb. 25, 1859.
- iv. Isabel Roben,⁴ b. Oct. 29, 1860.
- v. Lois,⁴ b. Nov. 9, 1864.
- 3 MATTHEW ROBEN,³ (William,² John,¹) b. April 21, 1823; farmer, owning first, the farm now that of William Whitehill. In 1866 he bought the Judge Cameron farm at the Corner on which he lived afterward; town clerk, 1890-'96, holding other offices; whig, then republican in politics. He m. Sept. 21, 1848 by Rev. Thos. Goodwillie, Parnel, dau. Cloud Harvey (b. Barnet, Jan. 23 1827; d. Jan. 29, 1896). He d. Jan. 25, 1896.

Children all born in Ryegate.

- i. Ella Margaret,⁴ b. Oct. 7, 1849; m. Rev. Geo. M. Wiley, q. v.
- 4 ii. John Cameron,⁴ b. April 22, 1851.
- 5 iii. William Harvey,⁴ b. Oct. 1, 1854
- iv. Emily,⁴ b. April 24, 1856; m. John R. Miller; d. Aug. 1902.
- v. Infant dau. b. Sept. 1; d. Sept. 24, 1859.
- 6 vi. George Matt,⁴ b. Jan. 26, 1864.
- vii. Isabel,⁴ b. July 24, 1865; m. 1st, James Buchanan, q. v. 2nd, Jan. 1, 1907, Geo. F. Hemey of Springfield, Vt., where she d. 1910.
- viii. Frank F.,⁴ b. April 14, 1868.

JOHN CAMERON,⁴ (M. R.,³ William,² John,¹) b. April 22, 1851. Fitted for college, Peacham Acad., grad. Dartmouth, 1878; went to Kansas the same year, teacher LeRoy, Kan., Sept. 1878-Jan. 1, 1881; County Supt. of Schools, Coffrey Co., Kan., Jan. 1881-Dec. 1885; taught in various places in Kan., Jan. 1, 1881-July, 1896, being Supt. of schools at Abilene 1892-'96. Came to Mass., 1896, Supt. of schools at Adams. Sept. 1896-Sept. 1901; also at Chicopee Sept. 1901 to date. He m. by Rev. Joel Harper at Richmond, Kan., May 16, 1882, Isabella Elizabeth, dau. A. G. Jamison (b. Lumber City, Penn., June 4, 1859.)

Children:

- i. Harry Matt,⁵ b. Burlington, Kan., April 8, 1892; grad. Dartmouth Coll., 1907; Thayer School of Civ. Eng., 1908.
- ii. John Harvey,⁵ b. Burlington, Kan., March 24, 1885; grad. Dartmouth Coll., 1908; Tuck School of Administration and Finance, class of 1909.
- iii. Mabel Elizabeth,⁵ b. Abilene, Kan., Nov. 3, 1892.
- iv. Elmer Jamison,⁵ b. Abilene, Kan., March 16, 1894.

WILLIAM HARVEY,⁴ (M. R.,³ Wm.,² John,¹) b. Oct. 1, 1854; com. school ed. Went to Burlington, Kan., 1885; farming, since 1892 in Insurance, Real Estate and Loan business. He m. in Newbury, at home of Duncan Ritchie, Oct. 31, 1893, Marion, dau. Robert McLeod (b. Ballarat, Australia.)

Children:

- i. Matthew Robert,⁵ b. Dec. 9, 1894.



WILLIAM GRAY.



MRS. ISABEL ROBEN GRAY.



M. R. GRAY.



MRS. PARNEL HARVEY GRAY.

- ii. Harvey Douglas,⁵ b. June 13, 1898.

Wm. H. Gray, possesses the "old family clock" of John Gray, an heirloom of several generations.

GEORGE M.,⁴ (M. R.,³ William,² John,¹) b. Ryegate, Jan. 21, 1864; grad. St. Johnsbury Acad., 1882; studied law with Belden & Ide, and A. E. Rankin, 1882-84; went to Gray, Iowa, as bookkeeper and grain buyer for Geo. Gray. In real estate and loan business two years at Yates Center, Kansas. In St. Johnsbury, Feb. 1888, in employ of E. T. and H. K. Ide till present time being secretary of the Ide corporation. He m. Oct. 24, 1887, Katie D. Ide of St. Johnsbury, who was educated at St. J., and Bradford, Mass. Academies.

Prof. J. C. Gray has prepared two text-books on mathematical subjects.

GREGG.

ROBERT,¹ and Christian [Wallace] had among their chil. Robert,² and May who settled in Newbury. The latter (b. July 2, 1792; d. Jan. 1, 1862;) m. in Scotland, Alexander Laing, who came to Newbury in 1834.

ROBERT,² (Robert,¹) b. Weymas, Fife, Scotland, Sept. 1, 1795; m. Nov. 12, 1824, Euphemia Mackie of Markinch, Fife. They came to Am. and Newbury, 1850; farmer; members of Ref. Pres. ch., So. Ryegate. He d. Dec. 2, 1858; she d. Brattleboro, June 30, 1878; bur. Town House cem., Newbury.

Children all born in Scotland.

- i. Nancy,³ b. Aug. 14, 1825; m. Thomas Wright of Bradford; 4 chil.
- ii. Robert,³ b. May 11, 1828; d. 1845.
- iii. Andrew R.,³ b. July 5, 1834; machinist; m. Nov. 14, 1861, Clara Powers; he d. Brattleboro, Nov. 7, 1900.
- iv. James W.,³ b. March 20, 1843; attended school in Newbury; began to teach before he was 18; attended Eastman's Business College, 1860, '61; student at Newbury Seminary and teacher of penmanship; studied medicine with Dr. Watson of Newbury and Dr. Flanders of E. Corinth; attended lectures at Burlington and grad. Dartmouth Med. Coll., 1866; in practice, E. Corinth one year; at So. Ryegate, 1867-75, where he was twice elected Supt. of Schools; druggist, and in practice at Brattleboro, 1875-'84; took post graduate course in medicine in New York; in practice at Brattleboro since; has made a specialty of blood pressure, and invented in 1911 a new instrument for testing it. He m. at Ryegate, April 30, 1867, Luthera, dau. Robert Cochran (b. Ryegate May 14, 1843.) Ch. (1) Emma J.,⁴ b. Ryegate, Nov. 14, 1868; teacher of vocal music in the public schools of Brattleboro, and member of several church choirs (2) Lewis A.,⁴ b. Ryegate, Dec. 2, 1870; manager of the Charles Hall china store, Springfield, Mass.; m. Eleanor Burke of Brooklyn, N. Y. (3) Mad-die A.,⁴ b. Ryegate, Aug. 2, 1872; teacher at New Bedford, Mass. (4) Robert C.,⁴ b. Brattleboro, Feb. 24, 1877; farmer in B.

GUTHRIE.

WILLIAM,¹ m. March 16, 1835, Agnes Hastie and lived in Barnet.

Children:

- i. Elizabeth Jean,² b. Jan. 11, 1836; m. Bruce McLellan, and is d.
- 1 ii. Robert William,² b. May 31, 1837; m. March 10, 1864 Janet Liddle; d. Turlock, Cal., Nov. 5, 1911.
- 2 iii. James Hastie,² b. Feb. 28, 1839.
- iv. Agnes Matilda,² b. March 11, 1841; m. Wm. Hunter, q. v.
- v. Thomas B.,² b. July 14, 1843; served in Co. H, 4th Vt., in the Civil war, and d. in service 1862.
- vi. Archibald F.,² b. July 17, 1845; served in Co. E, 6th Vt., and d. in service at Camp Griffin, Va., Jan. 10, 1862.

- vii. Elizabeth Mary Nimo,² b. June 17, 1847; m. James Wilson; not living.
 - viii. Joseph Cornelius,² b. May 15, 1849; m. Sophia Patch.
 - ix. David Louis Lindsay,² b. June 4, 1851; m. Mary Gould.
 - x. A. Frederick,² b. July 23, 1853.
 - 1 ROBERT W.,² b. May 31, 1837; d. Turlock, Cal., Nov. 5, 1911. He m. Mar. 10, 1864, Janet Liddle. Ch. (1) William J.,³ b. May 20, 1866; m. A. Leona Guthrie (b. Aug. 24, 1881; d. May 10, 1901.) 1 ch., Leon W., (b. May 3; d. Aug. 18, 1901). (2) Andrew L.,³ b. April 19, 1868; m. Carrie Peck. 1 ch., Violet. (3) Isabel Jean,³ b. Feb. 14, 1870; m. Walter E. Stevens. 1 ch., Herbert G. (4) Margaret Grace,³ b. July 8, 1877; m. Arthur S. Hunt. 1 ch., Margaret.
 - 2 JAMES H.,² (William,¹) b. Barnet, Feb. 28, 1839; res. there till enlisted in Co. F, (the Vt. Co.,) in Col. Berdan's reg. Sharpshooters; trans. to Co. G, the Wis. Co.; served in the Peninsular campaign; ret. to Co. F, Sept. 1862; dis. Jan. 1, 1864, to re-enlist as a veteran; taken prisoner at the battle of the Wilderness, May 5, 1864, and was confined at Lynchburg and Danville, Va., Andersonville, Ga., Florence, S. C., Salisbury and Raleigh, N. C., in all 10 mos.; sent inside the Union lines March, 1865; taken to Naval Sch. Hospital, Annapolis, Md., and to Jarvis Hospital, Baltimore; dis. at Hall's Hill, Va., July 13, 1865, as Corporal in Co. G, Vt. (While in southern prison the 1st U. S. S. S. had disbanded and the men from Vt., were consolidated with the 4th Vt., forming Co.'s G. and H.) Ret. to Barnet, and m. Feb. 19, 1867, Annie, dau. James Arthur (b. Renfrewshire, Scot., July 20, 1847); res. in Barnet and farmer there, till he purchased the homestead of his father in R. in 1872. (This farm commands a beautiful view of the Conn. Valley n. from McIndoes.) Went to Cal. 1910; delayed there by his wife's illness and sold the farm in June, 1911. Members of Cong. ch., McIndoe Falls, in which he has been a deacon many years. Res. Turlock, Cal.
- Children:
- i. Martha Agnes,³ b. Barnet, Dec. 12, 1867; m. at Turlock, Cal., July 11, 1907, Wm. Arthur, q. v. Chil. (1) James Guthrie,⁴ b. May 22, 1908. (2) William Lindsay,⁴ b. Oct. 22, 1909.
 - ii. Annie May,³ b. Barnet, Oct. 24, 1869; m. in Ryegate, Jan. 8, 1901, to John H. Tilton of Newbury (b. Danville, Vt.); res. Dorchester, Mass.
 - iii. Alexzena Leona,³ b. Barnet, Aug. 24, 1881; m. in R. Aug. 22, 1900, Wm. J. Guthrie. She d. May 10, 1901. Ch. Leon W.,⁴ b. May 3; d. Aug. 18, 1901.
 - iv. Ellen Theresa,³ b. Ryegate, Dec. 21, 1873; m. Apr. 8, 1903, James Liddle, q. v. Ch. (1) Theresa Jean,⁴ b. Aug. 23, 1904. (2) May Agnes Elizabeth, b. Nov. 6, 1909.
 - v. Jessie Elizabeth,³ b. Ryegate, Oct. 31, 1875; m. in R. Oct. 31, 1899, Maurice H. Randall of Newbury; res. Haverhill, N. H.
 - vi. Ethel Birdena,³ b. Ryegate, March 10, 1878; d. in R. May 31, 1899.

HALL.

The Halls came from Inchinnan, where the family had been settled for centuries, and where many of the name still remain. William Hall of Freeland; John Hall, tenant in Barsale; and Agnes Hall of Barsale were among the first subscribers to the Articles of Association. Agnes Hall is believed to have been the mother of John Hall and her certificate of membership in the Scots-American Co., found among the Henderson papers, is as follows:

Agnes Hall in Barsale in the parish of Inchinnan having offered herself as a Member of the Scots American Company of Farmers and having paid the sum of Five pounds sterling money to the Managers of the said company; And further has been bound to Obtemper and fulfill the whole articles, clauses

and conditions contained in the bond of their Association, an exact copy of which is hereto prefixed: And therefore for the better security of the said Agnes Hall and to Intitle her to her proportional share of the purchase of lands and other profits arising from the Management of the said company in so far as she may be concerned—she is therefore Entered as a Member and partner upon the said company's records and the said Entrance.

Signed by WILLIAM HOUSTON, Preses,
Houston, 19 August, 1774.

That the above is a just and true copy of the said Agnes Hall's Entrance and that in virtue thereof she was allowed by the Managers to draw for her Lots according to agreement, when she drew the Numbers Ninety-four and Ninety-five.

All which is Extracted from the said company's records and attested by,
WILLIAM STEWART, Co. Clerk.

On the back of this document is the following assignment:

These are to Certify to all Concerned that I, the within named Agnes Hall, having sold the within two Lots to John Hall of Barsale, in the Parish of Inchinnan for which I have received full and complete pay't and hereby grant the receipt of the same. For the which cause therefore witt ye me to have sold and disposed as I hereby sell and dispose from me and my heirs to and in favor of the said John Hall the Sd within mentioned two lots of land and all other Concerns in the Scotts American Company of Farmers in their purchase of Ryegate, province of New York in North America to be used and disposed upon in all time coming by the Sd John and his heirs at their pleasure. In witness thereof these presents. Written by Alexander Stuart, School-master in Inchinnan are subscribed by me at Barsale, the Fourteenth day of Sept. M. D., C. C., and 74 years, before these witnesses.

A. H.

JAMES HOG, Witness,

DONALD SUTHERLAND, Witness.

JOHN.¹ He was a member of the Scotch American Co., in which he is called "tenant in Barsale." He m. Jane, a native of the same parish (b. 1740; d. March 23, 1829.) Their sons were William, Robert and James. They came to America in 1775, leaving Scotland with others in April, reaching Boston the 27th of May. Of the ship-load of emigrants, Elizabeth Shields, who married James Smith of Ryegate, was the only one permitted to pass through the lines. William was pressed into the army and fought in the battle of Bunker Hill, on the British side. They were not permitted to leave Boston, and at its evacuation were taken to Nova Scotia. William settled in Londonderry, Halifax Co., where many of his descendants are understood to be living at this day. John Hall came to Ryegate about 1791; he owned the land in the w. part of the town comprising the farms of Robert and James Hall. Jane, his w. was b. at Longhaugh, Erskine parish, 1740; d. March 23, 1829. He d., bur. in West cemetery.

ROBERT.² (John,¹) b. Scotland, 1769; came with his parents to America, and lived in Nova Scotia till 20 yrs. of age, when he came to Ryegate, and took up Lots 308–312 in the So. Division, which his father had as one of the Scotch Company. His farm was that now owned by Albert E. Hall; the farm house was built by him in 1829, but has been remodelled. His deed from the managers is dated Nov. 20, 1794, and includes also "12⁴⁰⁰ parts of the undivided lands in the Common now owned by the Company." He m. 1796, Margaret, dau. Wm. Craig (b. Scotland, May 1, 1774; d. March 11, 1851). He d. Jan. 20, 1852; bur. in West cemetery. In person he was tall and robust. Prominent in town affairs.

Children:

- i. John,³ b. July 28, 1797; farmer and cooper. He m. March 9, 1820, Lucinda, dau. Foxwell Whitcher (b. Apr. 22, 1795; d. Dec. 22, 1857). He d. Oct. 28, 1858. No ch. Bur. in West cem.
- ii. Margaret,³ b. May 27, 1799; m. Moses Gates, q. v.
- 1 iii. Robert,³ b. June 24, 1801.
- 2 iv. William,³ b. July 18, 1803.
- 3 v. James,³ b. Jan. 29, 1806.
- vi. Jane,³ b. April 10, 1808; m. Robert Symes, q. v.

JAMES,² (John,¹) b. Scotland, 1774, came from Nova Scotia to Ryegate about 1796. He m. Nov. 17, 1800, Vodaca Chamberlin of Newbury. They settled on the Robert White farm, which he sold about 1812, being discouraged by the several cold seasons, to Francis Stewart and Robert White, and emigrated to Hamburg, now Erie, near Buffalo, N. Y., where he lived four yrs. Ret. to Ryegate, where he owned and occupied several farms. His wife was a daughter of Louisa, dau. Richard Chamberlin; she afterward m. Jacob Page, q. v., (b. 1772; d. Apr. 20, 1848). He d. Feb. 5, 1848.

Children all born in R. ex. two.

- i. Janet,³ b. R. March 25, 1801; m. as 2d w., Dea. Wm. Shearer of Barnet; d. July 16, 1866.
 - ii. John,³ b. Oct. 20; d. Dec. 8, 1802.
 - iii. Mary,³ b. Nov. 15, 1803; d. un-m., at Exeter, N. H., June, 1880; she was remarkably tall.
 - iv. Margaret,³ b. Dec. 2, 1805; m. Dr. Eli Perry, q. v.
 - v. Betsey,³ b. Feb. 12, 1808; m. Oct. 12, 1826, James Somers of Danville.
 - vi. John,³ b. Feb. 12, 1810; d. 1847.
 - vii. Robert,³ b. near Buffalo, May 15, 1812; lived in Barnet, Deacon in U. P. ch. He m. 1840, Hannah Nutter; rem. about 1878 to Hyde Park and d. there June 25, 1879. No ch.
 - viii. Agnes,³ (called Nancy) b. near Buffalo, July 17, 1815; m. Carlisle of Exeter, N. H.
 - ix. Sarah,³ b. Aug. 30, 1818; m. Alvin Chamberlin, q. v.
 - x. James,³ b. 1822; d. Apr. 10, 1842.
 - xi. William E.,³ b. March 12, 1826; R. R., engineer many years, then machinist at Malone, N. Y.
- 1 ROBERT,³ (Robert,² John,¹) b. June 24, 1801; farmer on homestead. He m. by Rev. Jas. Milligan, Apr. 16, 1829, Jane, dau. Wm. Grant (b. Aug. 2, 1804; d. Newbury, June 7, 1889). He d. July 17, 1868.

Children:

- 4 i. Albert,⁴ b. Feb. 1, 1831.
 - 5 ii. Robert Jefferson,⁴ b. Feb. 2, 1833.
 - iii. Lucinda Jane,⁴ b. Oct. 23, 1836; d. Aug. 17, 1883.
 - iv. Alexander Grant,⁴ b. Jan. 7, 1838; went to Cal., d. there, Jan. 22, 1866.
 - v. Edward Miller,⁴ b. July 20, 1843; went to Cal., d. there, Dec. 2, 1865.
- 2 WILLIAM,³ (Robert,² John,¹) b. July 18, 1803; m. Nov. 30, 1826, Marion, dau. Alexander Miller, (b. Apr. 29, 1807; d. Feb. 12, 1833.) In Dec., 1826, he with Wm. Miller and their wives went to Essex Co., N. Y., to engage in a great lumber job, which proved disastrous to both and they ret. to Ryegate. Captain in the militia. He d. suddenly, June 13, 1839.

Children,

- 6 i. Moses B.,⁴ b. Sept. 15, 1827.
 - 7 ii. George L.,⁴ b. Feb. 5, 1831.
- 3 JAMES,³ (Robert,² John,¹) b. Jan. 29, 1806; was a prominent man; town representative 1839, '40, '41; m. Oct. 29, 1829, by Rev. Jas. Milligan, Jane, dau. James Aiken (b. July 26, 1808; d. Apr. 20, 1875). He d. Feb. 5, 1848.

Children:

- i. Margaret Aiken,⁴ b. July 25; d. Nov. 23, 1830.
 - ii. Caroline Maria,⁴ b. Aug. 27, 1832; m. Jackson P. Miller, q. v.
 - iii. Eliza Jane,⁴ b. Jan. 4, 1834; d. un-m. Oct. 4, 1864.
- 8 iv. Martin Jackson,⁴ b. March 7, 1837.
- v. Mary Ann,⁴ b. Feb. 8, 1839; d. Apr. 20, 1843.
 - vi. Hannah Jennet,⁴ b. Nov. 1, 1842; m. Milton Farrow, q. v., of Peacham.
 - vii. Phebe,⁴ b. May 22, 1846; lived at So. Ryegate; dressmaker. She was a cripple, d. Feb. 14, 1891.



GEORGE L. HALL.



MOSES B. HALL.

- 4 ALBERT,⁴ (Robert,³ Robert,² John,¹) b. Ryegate, Feb 1, 1831; in California several years; m. March 21, 1861, Janet, dau Wm. Renfrew (b. Sept. 7, 1828; d. May 23, 1907). They lived in Corinth, 1861-'66, returning to R. He d. June 3, 1904.

Children:

- i. Jeannie,⁵ b. Corinth, Aug. 6, 1862. A very successful and beloved teacher in Ryegate schools for 23 yrs. She m. Dr. Geo. W. Darling q. v. as 2d w.
 - ii. Belle,⁵ b. Corinth, Sept 21, 1864; m. Charles Somers of Barnet. Ch. Harold.
 - iii. Harry,⁵ b. Ryegate, Sept. 8, 1867; bookkeeper at St. Albans; un-m.
 - iv. Albert Edward,⁵ b. Ryegate, Nov. 5, 1870 farmer on homestead. He m. 1892, Susie M., dau. Geo. Cochran. Ch. (1) Florence,⁶ b. Feb. 28, 1893. (2) Lou,⁶ d in inf. (3) Priscilla,⁶ b. Dec. 25, 1904.
- 5 ROBERT JEFFERSON,⁴ (Robert,³ Robert,² John,¹) b. Feb. 2, 1833; m. Apr. 2, 1857, Margaret, dau. Geo. Chalmers of Newbury (b. May 3, 1837; d. Sept. 14, 1890). They lived some years on her father's farm in Newbury, then on the Upper Meadow; rem. to Topsham after her death, where he d. Oct. 16, 1909. Bur. in Oxbow cem. Newbury.

Children:

- i. George Robert,⁵ b. March 6, 1859; farmer in Topsham; m. Janet, dau. Wm. Ritchie (b. Derby, Vt., April 2, 1863.) Ch. (1) Bertha M.,⁶ b. Dec. 25, 1886; m. Nov. 27, 1905, Charles McLam, q. v. (2) Robert W.,⁶ b. May 15, 1890. (3) Lewis E.,⁶ b. Oct. 17, 1893. (4) Ida May,⁶ b. Aug., 19, 1897. (5) Edward Henry,⁶ b. Jan. 16, 1904.
 - ii. Lewis E.,⁶ b. Oct. 17, 1866; d. Hartford, Conn., Dec. 5, 1893.
- 6 MOSES BUCHANAN,⁴ (Wm.,³ Robert,² John,¹) b. Sept. 15, 1827; lived with his uncle James Hall till of age; went to Boston and was in trucking bus there. Ret. to So. R., 1872 in poor health; built a house; recovering, ret. to Boston, and his old bus. till d., July 7, 1894; his death was caused by appendicitis and the first instance of the disease as called by that name in this vicinity. He m. May 19, 1859, Eliza J., dau. George Nelson (b. Jan. 1, 1828; d. May 6, 1898). Both bur. at So. Ryegate. No ch., but while res. in So. R., adopted a ch. of 3 yrs., named Nellie J. Robinson, who res. in Boston.
- 8 GEORGE LEROY,⁴ (William,³ Robert,² John,¹) b. Feb. 5, 1831; lived with his aunt Lillian Miller, who m. James Lumsden, till 21, in Greensboro; went to Cal., via Panama, 1851, mining near Sonora; ret. to R. 1856; bought a half interest in the store of James White at So. R., where the P. O. was. In partnership with him till 1868, afterward in bus. alone. P. M. 1868-'86; democrat, holding several town offices; interested in building the M. and W. R. R. R., and in the granite business. He m. 1862, Isabella, dau. James Lauder (b. Topsham, 1840). He d. Aug. 14, 1903.

Children:

- i. Marion Jane,⁵ b. Feb. 20, 1864; grad. St. J., Acad. 1885; succeeded her father as P. M., at So. R., holding the office to date. Treasurer since 1901 of So. Ryegate Creamery Co., treas. and sec'y since 1908, of Vt. League of Postmasters.
 - ii. Elizabeth Lauder,⁵ b. Sept. 25, 1867; grad. St. J. Acad. 1888; special course at Boston Univ. Principal seven yrs. of Lewiston, Me., Teachers training School; supervisor of Primary Schools, Schenectady, N. Y., five yrs., now in similar position in Minneapolis Minn.
 - iii. George Leroy,⁵ b. 1871; d. 1872.
 - iv. Mabel Cochrane,⁵ b. March 24, 1877; grad. Wells River H. S., Randolph Normal School. A successful teacher in Ryegate and Newbury.
- 8 MARTIN JACKSON,⁴ (James,³ Robert,² John,¹) b. March 7, 1837; farmer, on the original Hall farm, owning also the Latto farm, which was the original Craig lot. He m. Jan. 29, 1880, Margaret, dau. John Aitken of Newbury. He d. Nov. 8, 1890, and she m. 2d, Nov. 5, 1895, John McLennan, who d. Sept. 29, 1905.

Children:

- i. Infant son, b. Feb. 3; d. Feb. 5, 1881.
- ii. Catherine Jane,⁵ b. March 23, 1882; m. Apr. 27, 1898, Henry Smith. They were div. July 13, 1903 and she m. 2d. Oct. 21, 1908, Charles E. Carruth of Groton. Ch. by 1st m. (1) Alice Miriam,⁶ [Smith] b. Aug. 10, 1898. (2) Gladys Margarete,⁶ [Smith] b. Feb. 14, 1901. (3) Lawrence Hall,⁶ [Smith] b. Oct. 14, 1902.
- iii. Lloyd Raymond,⁵ b. Oct. 18, 1884. On homestead.
- iv. Leslie Freeman,⁵ b. March 25, 1887. On homestead.

HALL.

JOHN J.¹ (Rev.) b. Edinburgh, Scot., Sept. 7, 1854; attended school there and the New College. He m. April 20, 1886, Agnes B. Hardie, sailing for America May 7th of the same year. Ord. and in. pastor of the Cong. ch., Berlin, Vt., where he rem. 5 years, which were years of hard and fruitful work; ins. pastor of 1st Pres. ch., So. Ryegate, Nov 3, 1891; res. in the spring of 1899. "Mr Hall's pastorate was a faithful and fruitful one. A convincing preacher, a persuasive pastor and the church was very active under his administration." Pastor of 2d church at Providence, R. I. till d. suddenly, Dec. 2, 1908.

Children:

- i. Mary Isabelle, b. Berlin, Vt., May 7, 1887; grad. Brown Univ., June, 1908; preceptress of Worcester (N. Y.) High School.
- ii. James Alexander, b. Berlin, July 26, 1888; grad. Brown Univ.; June, 1908, post grad. course of 2 yrs. taking another degree, 1910; assistant prof. in engineering at Brown Univ.
- iii. Agnes Ruth, b. Berlin, Jan. 4, 1890; music student at Providence.
- iv. John Joseph, b. So. Ryegate, Oct. 13, 1896; in Classical High School, Providence, fitting for Brown Univ.

HARVEY.

The family of Col. Alexander Harvey of Barnet was so intimately connected both by residence and marriage with Ryegate people that a particular account of them is desirable. An inn called Three Mile House, half way between Paisley and Glasgow, has been kept by the Harveys for several hundred years. and from this family all the Harvey families of Caledonia Co., are descended.

COL. ALEXANDER,¹ b. May, 1747, in Parish of Gargunock, Stirlingshire, Scot. Mr. Harvey and John Clark were agents of a company of farmers in the shires of Perth and Stirling, to seek out and purchase a large tract of land in America. They left Scotland May 9, 1774, and arrived in New York, July 22, and after examining lands elsewhere, purchased 7,000 acres in the s. w. part of Barnet, for £408, 6s, 8d. Later, the company purchased 5,000 additional acres in different parts of B. The first ones to come were, Alexander Harvey, Cloud Stuart, Robert Brock, John Scot, John McLaren, and Robert Bentley and began to clear land near the n. end of the pond. The site on which he first camped and built his first house is on the farm of Jeremiah Abbott a few rods above the stone house, built by William Bachop; afterward he built a house of hewn logs on the Hazen Road, in which his son Cloud lived before he built a new house. In 1796 he sold his farm on the n. side of Harvey's Mountain, and moved down the Hazen Road and lived on the south side of the mountain where Wm. McPhee lives, and where he d. Dec. 14, 1809 at 62 yrs. Bur. in Stuart cem. W. Barnet. Mem. State Convention, 1777; Gen. Ass. 1778-1788; Council of Censors, 1791; Associate Judge of Caledonia Co., 1781-'94; president of the Trustees of Peacham Acad., colonel in the militia. He was m. by Rev.

Peter Powers, Oct. 5, 1781, to Jennett, dau. Walter Brock (b. in Scotland, Oct. 10, 1767.) She was m. 2d by Rev. David Goodwillie, Aug. 29, 1815 to Gen. James Whitelaw of Ryegate, and d. Dec. 28, 1854.

Children all b. in Barnet.

- i. John,² b. 1782; d. Barnet, June 3, 1869; lived in R. and in New York.
- ii. Helen,² b. Dec. 14, 1783; d. March 17, 1872; m. William Whitelaw, q. v.
- iii. Janet,² (twin to above), m. Peter Buchanan. No ch.
- iv. Elizabeth,² b. July 31, 1787; d. July 5, 1847; m. E. H. Strobridge.
- 1 v. Walter,² b. Feb. 12, 1789.
- 2 vi. Alexander,² b. July 31, 1791.
- vii. Cloud,² b. March 5, 1793; prominent farmer at West Barnet; town rep. 1832-'33. He m. Elizabeth, dau. John Harvey of Topsham. Chil. Jeannette and Hannah, who m. Joel and Harvey Brock and went w. ab. 1853; James, merchant at Barnet, went to Iowa; Parnel, who m. M. R. Gray, q. v.; Cloud, Meroc, Elizabeth and Isabelle.
- viii. William,² b. March 5, 1795; d. Sept. 8, 1883; m. 1st, Lucinda Stewart of Peacham; 2d, Caroline Johnson of Bath.
- ix. Isabel,² b. Nov. 21, 1798; d. Aug. 23, 1889; m. Alex. H. Brock, q. v.
- x. Jane,² b. July 29, 1801; d. Peacham, Oct. 29, 1872; m. Mordecai Hale, a lawyer of Barnet.
- xi. Robert,² b. March 25, 1804; d. July 2, 1872; State senator, 1838, '39; Ass. Judge, 1848, '49; Member Council of Censors, 1834, '35; Town rep. 1853, '54; m. Louisa Coburn of Cabot. He was president of Wells River Bank. Candidate for State Senator against his brother Walter, who was a Whig and who was elected.
- xii. James,² b. April 30, 1806; d. Feb. 28, 1837; m. Caroline Coburn. Their dau. Julia m. Hon. Joseph Poland of Montpelier, and d. at M. July 29, 1911.
- xiii. Peter,² b. July 10, 1808; became a hardware merchant in Boston; was connected with several benevolent institutions; member of Park St. ch., and later of St. Paul's. He was intimately and for more than forty years, acquainted with Daniel Webster and prepared a most valuable work of personal recollections of the great statesman which was published after his death, which was June 27, 1887.

- 1 ALEXANDER,² (Alexander,¹) b. Barnet, Jan. 20, 1791; became clerk for Mattocks and Newell at Peacham, and was appointed by them to sell goods in Ryegate, where he succeeded so well that he bought the goods and opened a store on his own account in 1818 or 1819, and built the "Old Corner Store," about that time, and where he was in trade till Jan. 1835. He kept a general country store, buying stock and produce, making frequent trips to Boston. He m. Nov. 27, 1822, Elizabeth, dau. Hon. John Cameron, q. v. They rem. to Peacham, 1837, to educate their children. High sheriff of the county many years and engaged in much public business and the settlement of estates; rem. to McIndoe Falls where he d. March 15, 1862; she d. at Newport, N. H., Nov. 15, 1876. She was long a member of the Ass. Pres. ch. in Ryegate and later of the Cong. Ch. at McIndoes; both bur. in Stuart cemetery in Barnet. Alexander Harvey built and occupied the house in which J. A. McLam now lives.

Children all born in Ryegate.

- i. Isabella,³ b. Dec. 23, 1823; m. by Rev. Thos. Goodwillie, Oct. 24, 1843, to Rev. David Bullions of Cambridge, N. Y. (On their wedding day the ground was covered with snow, which did not go off until the next spring.) She d. at Cambridge, May 19, 1855; he d. at W. Milton, N. Y., his 2d parish.

Children:

1. Lewis H.,⁴ [Bullions] b. Cambridge, March 18, 1846; fitted for college at Cambridge and McI. Acad's; in Dartmouth nearly a year, but left because of ill health; studied medicine at Bellevue Medical College, N. Y. Settled in Minnesota where he had an extensive practice; his health failed, and he d. at Racine, Wis., on his way home; bur. at Cambridge.

2. Mary G., b. Cambridge, Nov. 5, 1848; d. West Milton, N. Y., 1859.
- ii. Alexander Whitelaw,³ b. Dec. 5, 1827; fitted for college at Peacham Acad., entered Vt. Univ., 1843 and was there one year; studied law with Gov. Mattocks at Peacham finishing his studies at Harvard Law School; in 1850 he began the practice of law at Buffalo, N. Y., in Co. with Messrs. Metz and Tracy; when their firm dissolved he became a partner with Onesimus Marshall, the firm name being Marshall & Harvey; in very large practice there till about 1864. Judge Advocate under Gov. Fenton; rem. to N. Y. City, in practice there till death, and attorney for collection of arrears of taxes; in Europe with his family 1873. He m. 1853, Eliza Ripley, dau. of Geo. Coit of Buffalo, a noble woman. He d. N. Y. City, March 4, 1875. She survived him 14 years, several of which were spent in Europe with her children.

Children:

1. Eliza Coit,⁴ b. ab. 1856; an invalid, d. 1890.
2. Alexander,⁴ b. Buffalo, March 28, 1859; fitted for college at St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H.; 2 yrs. in England and Germany; grad. Columbia College and Law School; in practice N. Y. City; sec. to Supt. of Public Works; d. Sept. 26, 1902.
- iii. George Newel,³ b. June 30, 1829; ed. Peacham Acad. In travel and adventure many years; entered the Union Army, ap. Major on Col. Stetson's staff; d. from sunstroke, Washington, Aug. 17, 1862.
- iv. Elizabeth Stark,³ b. Dec. 30, 1830; ed. Peacham and Bradford, Mass. Acad's; m. April 18, 1860, Frank C. Bill of Barnet; d. No. Conway, N. H., Aug. 14, 1888; bur. Mt. Auburn, Cambridge, Mass.

Children:

1. Harry Cameron,⁴ [Bill] b. E. St. Johnsbury, May 23, 1861; m. St. Paul, Minn., April, 1903, Loretta McGinley. 2 chil.
2. Caroline Eliza,⁴ [Bill] b. E. St. J., April 17, 1863; res. Cambridge, Mass. Mrs. E. E. P. Abbott and Miss Bill have given most of these careful records of the Harvey family for this volume.
3. Alexander H.,⁴ [Bill] b. McIndoes, May 30, 1865; m. at Cambridge, Mass., April 12, 1899, Marion C. Edgerly. 4 ch.
4. Mary Frances,⁴ [Bill] b. Cambridge, Mass., May 9, 1867; m. March 28, 1894, Elmer H. Bright. 4 ch.
5. Frederick Abbott,⁴ [Bill] b. Cambridge, Feb. 23, 1873; d. July 13, 1898.
- vi. Lewis Henry,³ b. Dec. 20, 1832; d. Peacham, July 14, 1840.
- vi. Edwin,³ b. March 22, 1835; studied law with Judge Underwood at Wells River; in practice at Burlington, Vt., with Wm. W. Peck; d. after a long illness at McIndoes, April 10, 1863.
- vii. Caroline H.,³ b. March 9, 1837; ed. Peacham and McI. Acad's. Was m. June 30, 1868, Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, of Manchester, N. H. [Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, b. Concord, N. H., Sept. 20, 1841; Dartmouth Coll., 1863; Andover Theo. Sem., 1867; pastor Meriden, N. H., 1868-'72; Newport, N. H., 1874-'84; Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 1884-'88; in Col. since.—*Native Ministry of N. H.*]
2. WALTER,² (Alexander,¹) b. Barnet, Feb. 12, 1789; lived where Gilmore Morrison does, building that house. Member of Executive Council, 1835; town rep. 7 yrs., Ass. Judge 1850. The "Walter Harvey Meeting House," and the "Walter Harvey Cemetery," are on land given by him for both purposes. He m. at Peacham, Feb. 12, 1816, Phebe, dau. Abiel Blanchard (b. Peacham, Jan. 3, 1785; d. Barnet, June 20, 1861.) He d. April 2, 1865.

Children all born in Barnet.

- i. Alexander,³ b. Dec. 27, 1816; d. Boston, Sept. 5, 1838.
- ii. John B.,³ b. May 9, 1819; d. July 26, 1825.
- iii. Walter,³ b. May 5, d. Sept. 22, 1821.
- 3 iv. Enoch B.,³ b. Feb. 14, 1823.

- v. Walter,³ b. April 17, 1825; served in Union army, killed before Petersburg, April 2, 1865.
 - vi. Elizabeth M.,³ b. July 9, 1837; d. July 10, 1908; m. Xerxes C. Stevens of Barnet, (b. Mar. 25, 1832; d. Mar. 27, 1876.) Ch. (1) Nellie J.,⁴ b. Mar. 27, 1866. (2) Robert W.,⁴ b. Aug. 23, 1870. 3 ch.
 - vii. Jane,³ b. April 4, 1830; d. Sept. 26, 1898; m. Moses D. Johnson, q. v.
 - 3 ENOCH BLANCHARD,³ (Walter,² Alexander,¹) b. Barnet Feb. 14, 1823; studied law with Cushman & Blanchard, Bellefonte, Pa., ad. to the bar, 1847; in law partnership with T. J. D. Fuller at Calais, Me., taking the bus. when Mr. Fuller went to Congress. He m. May 24, 1853, Ann, dau. Hon. John Cameron (b. Ryegate, Dec. 28, 1822; d. Calais, Me., July 7, 1899.) He d. July 8, 1896.
- Children:
- i. Annie,⁴ b. May 27, 1854; connected with Ingleside School, New Milford, Conn.
 - ii. Isabel,⁴ b. Oct. 18, 1855; m. Oct., 1881, Augustus Cameron of St. Stephen N. B. She d. Sept. 28, 1897. Ch. (1) Allan Harvey,⁵ b. June 7, 1883. (2) Donald Clark,⁵ b. Aug. 19, 1888.
 - iii. Janet,⁴ b. July 21, 1857; d. Sept. 3, 1910.
 - iv. Donald,⁴ b. Feb. 23, 1860; grad. Amherst Coll., 1882; lawyer; d. Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 8, 1888.
 - v. Ellen,⁴ b. Oct., 1863; d. 1865.

HARVEY.

WILLIAM,¹ b. Inverness, Scotland, 1741; learned the printer's trade. He m. about 1762, Margaret Duncan of the Isle of Bute; they lived in Greenock till they came to America in 1779, and to Ryegate about 1788, and settled upon land which he bought and cleared, afterward owned by Edward Miller. He was called "Dr." Harvey; although not regularly educated, he had considerable skill. Members of the Ref. Pres. ch. He d. March 23, 1821; she d. June 11, 1827. Until 1800 or a little later the descendants of this family spelled the name "Hervey."

The following is among the Henderson papers:

INCHINNAN, 21 July, 1786.

These are certifying: that John Walker, formerly in Glenshinnock, now in Paisley, has paid to the Managers of the Scots American Company of farmers here his imput money, assessment, etc., due on two lots of land in Ryegate. And in consideration Thereof this shall serve for his Extract and ordains the managers for said Company in Ryegate to put him or any other Person bearing this his order or Extract, into the possession of two lots in Ryegate which shall fall to his Share, to be forever peaceably occupied by him or them.

DAVID ALLAN,
Precess

TO MR. JOHN WALKER,
Thread Maker in Paisley.

On the back of the foregoing paper is the following assignment:

Know all men by these presents that I, John Walker, within designated, have on consideration, for a sum of Money paid to me by Mr. William Harvey of Greenock, bearer hereof, have given up to him my right of the within Extract, together with my full right and Claim to my said two lots of land in Ryegate and ordain the Managers for the time being in Ryegate to put him or any by his order, in possession of the said two lots of land formerly my property in Ryegate, as per within Extract thereof to be possessed and acquired by him or them peaceably forever in every respect as I should have claimed myself if personally present.

Given under my hand at Paisley this twenty-second of July, one thousand and seven hundred and eighty-six years. Before these witnesses, Mr. William Houston, Maltman in Renfrew, and Alex. McKechnie, Wright in Paisley.

JOHN WALKER.

ALEX. McKECHNIE, Witness,
WILLIAM HOUSTON, Witness.

On Whitelaw's map of Ryegate, William Harvey is given as the owner of Lots Nos. 173, 174, in the south division.

Children all b. in Scotland.

- i. John,² b. 1770.
- ii. Margaret,² b. ab. 1772; m. Andrew Warden, q. v.
- iii. William,² never m; d. W. Barnet, March 24, 1859.
- iv. Stuart,² m. Oct. 11, 1816, Jane Dow. Col. Geo. B. M. Harvey, editor of Harper's Weekly, North American Review, etc., is their gr. son.

JOHN,² (William,¹) b. Scotland, 1770; came to America in 1795, leaving Scotland, April 5; m. Dec. 15, 1794, Mary Crooks of Kilmarnock. They lived four years on the town hill, then bought of John Pettie the farm afterward owned by Archibald Leitch, and now by Colin McDonald. Members of the Ref. Pres. ch. He d. in R. Feb. 5, 1845; she d. in Albany, Vt.

Children all born in Ryegate.

- i. Elizabeth,³ b. Jan. 10, 1796; d. Aug. 25, 1798.
- 1 ii. John,³ b. Jan. 10, 1798.
- iii. William,³ b. Oct. 23, 1799; m. Isabel Morse; d. in Craftsbury. Ch. (1) John C.,⁴ lives in Craftsbury, Vt. (2) Susan Jane,⁴ un-m., lives in Albany, Vt. (3) Owen H.,⁴ lives in Albany, Vt.
- iv. Margaret,³ b. Dec. 2, 1802; m. James Orr, q. v.
- v. James,³ b. March 11, 1806; lived in Barnet or Ryegate. Ch. (1) Margaret Jane,⁴ m. Robert Dickson; d. in Cal. No ch. (2) Robert,⁴ lives in Cal.; several ch. (3) Renwick,⁴ d. in Minn. Left chil.
- vi. Jane,³ b. April 17, 1808; never m.
- vii. Francis,³ b. Aug. 25, 1810; d. Oct. 17, 1811.

- 1 JOHN,³ (John,² William,¹) b. Ryegate, Jan. 10, 1798; m. Feb. 19, 1823, Margaret, dau. John and Alice [Nutter] Hight of Barnet (b. Sept. 26, 1801; d. Ryegate, March 8, 1876). They lived in Topsham, near the Powder Spring, but rem. to So. R., where he d. March 14, 1866; farmer.

Children all b. in Topsham.

- i. Mary A.,⁴ b. Jan. 4, 1824; m. Robert T. Miller, q. v.
- ii. Jane W.,⁴ b. Jan. 16, 1826; m. 1st, John Calvin Morse of Craftsbury; they rem. to Barnet, where he d. Aug. 31, 1865, and she m. 2d Jas. F. George of Topsham, who d. not long afterward. She d. at St. Johnsbury, Feb. 19, 1908; member of Ref. Pres. ch., Ryegate. Chil. who survived her: (1) William B.,⁵ [Morse] of Washington. (2) Lora M.,⁵ [Morse] of St. Johnsbury.
- iii. Maria M.,⁴ b. Aug. 11, 1826; m. April 28, 1853, as 2d w. John Renfrew of Newbury. They rem. to Peacham, where he d. May 18, 1875; she lived at So. R., but d. Littleton, N. H., 1809. Ch. (1) Mary,⁵ [Renfrew] b. 1857; d. 1863; (2) John C.,⁵ b. Newbury, 1864; res. Plymouth N. H. (3) Irving,⁵ b. Peacham, 1868; res. Littleton, N. H.
- iv. Elizabeth,⁴ b. Sept. 1, 1830; d. Sept. 12, 1907; m. Dec. 8, 1856, Cloud Harvey. (See Col. Alexander Harvey family).
- v. Matthew C.,⁴ b. Feb. 26, 1833; lived with parents; d. un-m. in R.
- vi. Phebe A.,⁴ b. July 29, 1835; m. at Napa, Cal., 1862, Walter Blair, q. v.; res. Oakland, Cal. Ch. (1) Ethel Blair,⁵ (2) Mabel [Blair] Squires.⁵ (On p. 289, it is stated that Mrs. Blair d. suddenly Jan. 17, 1888. It should read Walter Blair d. etc.)
- vii. John H.,⁴ b. Oct. 7, 1837; m. Belle Harvey; rem. to Winchester, Kan., and d. 1877; she with one son, Charles, res. in Kansas.
- viii. William,⁴ b. Nov. 19, 1840; went to Cal., 1863; twice m.; res. Hapland, Cal. 2 ch.
- ix. Moses Roney,⁴ b. May 20, 1843; known as R. M. Harvey; ed. Newbury Seminary and Peacham Acad.; teacher in dist. schools; studied law with J. O. Livingston at W. Topsham; ad. to the bar, 1869; in practice at W. Topsham; States Att. 1878-'79; town rep. from T. 1880, '81; 1886-'87; State Senator from Orange Co., 1890-'92; ap. one of the supervisors of insane; rem. to Montpelier, in practice there to



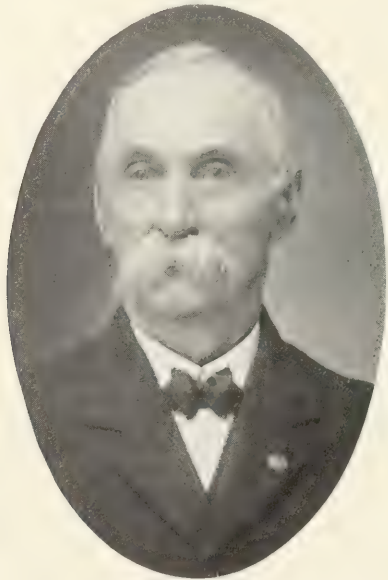
WILLIAM HENDERSON.



MAJ. WM. J. HENDERSON.



ROBERT SYMES.



JOHN H. SYMES.

- date; m. Cora I. Bill of Topsham, dau. Maj. R. M. Bill. Chil. all b. Topsham. (1) Erwin M.,⁵ b. Oct. 12, 1871; res. Montpelier; m. Clara Mayo of Colchester, Vt. One dau. (2) Laila M.,⁵ b. March 14, 1877; m. R. W. Newton, M. D.; d. Montpelier, Nov. 6, 1903. (3) John N.,⁵ b. Aug. 23, 1879; res. Montpelier; m. Daisy Rineheart of Montreal; one dau. Phyllis.
- x. Margaret Ella,⁴ b. May 11, 1846; m. Rev. W. B. Priddy, in Cal.; res. Oakland, Cal. Chil. (1) Myrtle,⁵ [Priddy], m. E. Deming. (2) Vita,⁵ [Priddy], m. Morgan.

HATT.

BURTON A.,¹ b. in Nova Scotia; in young manhood a sailor and river driver; came to Ryegate and worked on several farms; learned the creamery business at Jersey Hill creamery; manager several years of creamery at Cookville, Corinth, and 11 yrs. of the creamery at South Ryegate; rem. to No. Danville in spring of 1909. He m. April 24, 1894, Isadore A., dau. Jas. M. Doe (b. June 10, 1869; d. Dec. 18, 1909.) A noble Christian woman. Members of Un. Pres. ch., So. Ryegate.

Children:

- i. Mildred A., b. Ryegate, Sept. 24, 1897.
- ii. Florence, b. Nov. 22, 1902.

HEATH.

This family, once numerous and prominent, has long been extinct here, but their descendants are numerous in this and surrounding towns. The following records are as given by Mr. Mason and Mr. Miller.

JESSE Heath,¹ b. Chatham, Mass., served in the revolutionary war with his father. They were in the campaign against Burgoyne; the father was missing after a battle—fate unknown; the son served through the war; his powder horn is preserved and bears the inscription "Jesse Heath, West Point, 1780." He came to Groton 1781, lived in Newbury, 1784, but settled in R. about 1786 and lived in the s. w. part of the town, on land which afterward were the farms of O. G. Morrison and Matthew Renfrew. "He was very prominent in town affairs holding several offices; was popular in town as a man and a Christian, practicing that religion which is known in good words and works." He m. Phebe Straw, who d. May 9, 1842; he d. April 27, 1839, and was the 1st person bur. in the cemetery at Groton village. The following are from Mr. Mason with additions from town and cemetery records, and are given here for their preservation.

Children: Three b. in Groton, the rest in Ryegate.

- i. John,² b. Dec. 25, 1782; d. 1869; m. Hannah Darling.
- ii. Susanna,² b. June 27, 1784; m. W. Stanley.
- iii. Thomas,² b. Dec. 13, 1785; m. Vodia, dau. John Sly.
- iv. Moses,² b. Oct. 29, 1787; m. 1st, Nov. 1811, Betsey Gates of Newbury; 2d, Sally Chase.
- v. James,² b. Oct. 23, 1789; d. Sept. 2, 1872; m. Nancy Taisey, who d. Jan. 8, 1870.
- vi. Moulton,² b. Jan. 17, 1792; m. Ruby Savage.
- vii. Daniel,² b. Nov. 12, 1793; m. Polly Hudson. 2d, Widow Humphrey.
- viii. Sally,² b. May 22, 1795; m. John O. Page, q. v.
- ix. Phebe,² b. Jan. 22, 1797; m. John Taisey.
- x. Jesse,² b. Dec. 28, 1798; m. Hettie Paul.
- xi. Betsey,² b. Nov. 30, 1800; m. Robert Brown.
- xii. Hazen,² b. Sept. 29, 1802.
- xiii. Jonathan,² b. and d. April 28, 1804.
- xiv. Polly,² b. 1896; d. y.
- xv. Cyrus,² b. 1808; m. 1st, Jessie Taisey; 2d, Margaret Bailey; 3d, Widow Frost.

EBENEZER,¹ bro. of Jesse, lived with his bro. Daniel on what was afterward called the Clough farm, but rem. to the one adjoining his brother Jesse's. Name of wife not given.

Children by town rec.

- i. Moody,² b. Sept. 18, 1787.
- ii. Rhoda,² b. Oct. 14, 1790.
- iii. Polly,² b. Feb. 27, 1793.
- iv. Almira,² b. March 6, 1796.
- v. Betsey,² b. March 10, 1798.
- vi. Truman,² b. Sept. 19, 1800.
- vii. Hazen,² b. Jan. 20, 1803.

Daniel Heath, bro. of Jesse and Ebenezer m. July 30, 1785, Mrs. Hannah Gates. and lived near his brother. No record.

HENDERSON.

The church certificate of James Henderson, dated at Kilbarchan, Scotland, July 24, 1771, specifies him as "the son of William Henderson, late Gardener in this Parish and Town of Kilbarchan." Mr. Mason says that the family went to live at Kilpatrick in 1768 and James learned the carpenter's trade of David Allan at Inchinnan. He was engaged to come to America as carpenter for the Company. His contract will be found on p. 259. He sailed from Greenock about the 28th of March 1773, and arrived at Philadelphia about May 24th of that year.—(Session Book.) James Whitelaw, writing home to Scotland, July 26, 1773, from Philadelphia, says: "James Henderson is in this town and has five shillings Currency a day, which is equal to 3½ shill. Sterling; and his boarding costs him 10 shill. Currency a week." He remained in Philadelphia till November, when he came to Ryegate, and began work for the Company as related elsewhere. He was a skillful workman and many buildings erected by him still attest the solid character of his workmanship. He selected for himself, and settled, the farm now owned by his gt. gr. son, Henry W. Henderson, building a log house about 25 rods northeast of the present buildings. An old pocket book of his shows that his services were in constant demand, and that his pay was generally in grain, or in goods brought from the seaboard towns. He was, with William Neilson and Hugh Gardner, one of the three Commissioners to whom the conduct of the Scotch Company's affairs was intrusted after the resignation of James Whitelaw, and he discharged his duties faithfully. Mr. Mason says that he was a Federalist, and the leader of the party in Ryegate. He held town offices, and was town representative in 1813 and 1815. James Henderson, b. Balfron, Scotland, 1749; m. probably by Rev. Peter Powers, Jan. 9, 1777 (the 1st m. in Ryegate), Agnes, dau. Alexander Symes (b. 1752; d. Dec. 20, 1812). He d. Sept. 13, 1834; both bur. Ryegate Corner. "They were original members of the Associate Presbyterian church, devoted to its interests and liberal in its support. They were frugal and industrious, accumulating a good property."

Children:

- i. Jean,² b. Oct. 20, 1777; bapt. by Rev. Peter Powers; m. William Nelson, 2d, q. v.
- 1 ii. Alexander,² b. Nov. 22, 1779; bapt. by Rev. Peter Powers.
- 2 iii. William,² b. April 13, 1782; bapt. by Rev. Dr. Witherspoon.
- 3 iv. James,² b. Sept. 22, 1785; bapt. by Rev. John Houston.
- v. John,² b. Sept. 18, 1789; bapt. by Rev. David Goodwillie; lived at home; never married.
- vi. Agnes,² (Nancy) b. Nov. 3, 1793; m. Benjamin Folger, q. v.
- 1 *ALEXANDER,² (James,¹) b. Nov. 22, 1779. He lived on the farm now owned by D. B. Fisk which the family owned for over 80 years. He m. Abigail, dau. of Gen. James Whitelaw, and gr. dau. of Col. Robert Johns-

* By William N. Gilfillan

ton of Newbury, (b. May 23, 1783). She was well educated for those times, and after her marriage taught a young ladies school in her own house. "Her advertisement appears several times in Spooner's Vt. Journal for 1813, by which she undertakes to teach 15 or 20 pupils at \$15 per quarter." This was one of the earliest schools of the kind in Vermont; she taught painting and fine needle work; one of her pupils named Slafter, a gentleman, painted her portrait, which shows great strength and calmness. She was a lady of the old school and resembled Mrs. N. P. Trist, a gr. dau. of Thomas Jefferson. Mr. Henderson was prominent in the town affairs and a good citizen. He d. Jan. 12, 1883; shed. April 13, 1861; both bur. at So. Ryegate. Of their children four were never married and lived together on the homestead; it was a happy home life and yet they said if they were to live their life over they would marry. They were very kind and hospitable and no home in town had so many visitors, so many indeed, as to seriously embarrass them financially.

- . James H. W.,³ the eldest son, m. Mrs. John Foster, gr. dau. of Col. William Wallace of Newbury. He carried on the home farm for some time; later he purchased part of it and erected buildings; P. Thomas now owns it. Chil : Moses Wallace,⁴ has been a resident of Portland, Ore., for many years and was president of the Williamette Iron Works for some time. He m. and has one son. Eustis,⁴ was in real estate business in Boston; went to San Francisco where he lost a leg by an accident; sailed for Oregon, was shipwrecked and the whole ship's company barely escaped starvation on an island where they were cast up by the sea. He d. in the State of Washington many years ago. James d. Newbury.
- ii. Alexander,³ b. May 20, 1817; lived in Newbury, South Hadley and Lowell, Mass; m. Oct. 5, 1841, Sarah J., dau. of David Dailey of Newbury. He d. in Lowell, May 7, 1861. Ch. (1) Whitelaw W.,⁴ d. at Newbury, July 22, 1849. (2) Allen W.,⁴ d. Lowell, May 31, 1868. (3) Edrick L.,⁴ d. Sept. 22, 1863. (4) Alden W.,⁴ b. July 19, 1854; music teacher at Lowell. He made a good home for his mother who was a cripple for many years. She d. Dec. 5, 1901, aged 82 yrs., 11 mo.

Abigail and Janet had much of their mother's artistic temperament but could not exercise it on account of their many household duties.

Alexander and Robert were fine violinists. John learned mercantile business with Geo. Cowles at Ryegate Corner. He was employed for some time by John Buchanan at Groton and by Charles Stuart in Iowa. He and Andrew Buchanan were in trade at West Barnet several years; he spent his last years on the farm; he and Robert were excellent horsemen and were successful in the business. Abigail d. Oct. 19, 1888 in her 69th year. John d. Jan. 21, 1892 aged 71. Robert had a long illness and passed away Sept. 12, 1890, aged 68.

Nettie, as she was familiarly called was the last and after the old home was sold lived for some years very happily with Mrs. John Renfrew near South Ryegate. Her final home was at W. N. Gilfillan's, when she suddenly passed on Sept. 15, 1898, aged 72. All were members of the R. P. Ch. Robert was an elder and clerk of the Session; John was clerk for the congregation for many years. The entire family is buried at So. Ryegate except Alexander, who was buried at Lowell, Mass.

- 2 WILLIAM,² (James,¹) b. April 13, 1782; he was very ingenious, like his father, and was a mill-wright, following his trade in Vermont, New York and Canada; succeeded his father on the homestead, and built a saw-mill at the outlet of Ticklenaked Pond, where he did a large business for

NOTE. Ticklenaked Pond: The origin of the name is unknown and many fictions have been advanced as to its history. Mr. Miller was told by the oldest people in his youth that it had an Indian name which the Scotch settlers were unable to pronounce correctly and twisted it into its present form. On Whitelaw's map of Ryegate, 1785, the name is printed as we have it. The editor of this work has received letters from all parts of the country inquiring as to the origin and meaning of this curious name.

many years. He m. at Deer River, N. Y. (7 miles from St. Regis) Dec. 2, 1818, Sarah, dau. Sylvanus Leonard, a revolutionary soldier who came to Ryegate, 1824, and lived on the farm now owned by Harry Nelson. 11 ch. He is bur. at Ryegate Corner. She was b. on Mount Desert Island, Me., March 7, 1797, and d. in R., Nov. 23, 1893. He d. Nov. 1, 1865; bur. at Ryegate Corner.

Children:

- 4 i. Sarah Ann,³ b. June 1822.
- ii. James,³ b. Feb. 12, 1824; d. May 2, 1832.
- 5 iii. William J.,³ b. Aug. 10, 1828.
- 3 *JAMES Henderson, son of James 1st, b. April 22, 1785; settled on a farm near Boltonville now owned by James Gardner. When about 21 he m. "Elizabeth L. S. Todd, a young lady who came to Ryegate, Vt., from Glasgow, Scotland, and found the home her father required for her in the family of Gen'l Whitelaw. There she remained until her marriage to the man of her choice." There has been much of mystery and romance connected with the early life of Miss Todd. Many statements have been made in regard to her which are untrue yet in her case truth was stranger than fiction. Reared in a home of wealth and luxury, with every want supplied, she became the wife of a pioneer in the wilderness and bravely did her part to make his home pleasant. She was small and very kind and was known as the "Scotch Lady." Her father an Englishman, was a cotton manufacturer on the Clyde and married Jane Scott. 10 ch. He took his sons into partnership and became wealthy. Having business connections in New York his agent came with Miss Todd to Ryegate, arriving on Oct. 26, 1805. This date was marked on a pane of window glass in the old hotel at Ryegate. It is claimed she came in the second wheeled carriage that arrived in town. After a few years Mr. Henderson erected the buildings where Edwin Henderson now lives. She d. Oct. 21, 1846, aged 58; he died June 12, 1859, aged 74. They were members of the Associate Pres. Ch. of Ryegate; they were bur. at Ryegate Corner and the first granite monument in town was erected to their memory.

Children:

- i. Son,³ d. in infancy.
- ii. Susan,³ b. July 27, 1808; m. Moses Gilfillan of Barnet; they lived near McIndoes on a farm for 34 years, then moved to West Barnet. He was an Elder in the Covenanter Ch. He d. in 1882. She was a member of the Un. Pres. Ch. at Barnet Center. She contributed the first sum of money for perpetual care of cemetery lots in Ryegate; it was for her father's lot. They had one child who died young. Mrs. G. d. July 13, 1903, almost 95 years old; bur. at Barnet Center.
- iii. Henrietta,³ studied with Rev. James Milligan, the noted Covenanter minister of Ryegate; not m; was a teacher; died in 1886, aged 73.
- iv. Jane,³ b. 1812; d. June 13, 1844.
- v. Agnes,³ b. May 25, 1815; m. Sept. 27, 1832, Hugh Gardner; they lived on a farm in Ryegate now owned by John Nelson; later moved to her father's farm; she was a member of R. P. Ch. at So. Ryegate and was blind for many years; died July 28, 1901, at D. B. Reid's who m. a daughter; they had nine ch.
- vi. James,³ resided at South Ryegate in the house now owned by John Whitehill; he was a carpenter; m. Mrs. Hannah Pollard, dau. of Wm. Lindsey of Newbury; d. July 24, 1872, aged 55.
- vii. Arthur,³ (named for an aunt) m. Wm. Forsyth and lived on the farm now owned by Tait Ritchie; she d. April 3, 1842, aged 22 years; they had two chil.

* By William N. Gilfillan.

- viii. David Todd,³ b. Feb. 25, 1822; carpenter and ran the carding mill at Boltonville for a time; lived on Jefferson Hill for many yrs. and moved to the old homestead in 1875; he m. April 24, 1844, Mary, dau. Jacob Bailey (b. Jan. 15, 1820). He d. July 23, 1893; she d. April 21, 1905; they had six children.
- ix. Charles T.,³ b. May 3, 1824; lived in Newbury; m. June 21, 1852, Marion T., dau. Joshua Bailey (b. Dec. 8, 1820; d. July 11, 1898). He d. May 4, 1880; one dau., Mrs. Alex. Greer of Newbury.
- x. Eliza,³ m. Austin Sly: a carpenter and clothier at Boltonville; both d. Four chil.
- xi. Abigail,³ m. Robert Bailey of Newbury; d. Aug. 7, 1857, aged 29.
- xii. Barzillai,³ carpenter and in stage business in California, where he m. Jan-
nett Monteith; d. Nov. 16, 1868; aged 38.
- xiii. Mary,³ d. Sept. 3, 1835, aged 3.
- xiv. Alma,³ teacher; edu. at Newbury Seminary; she taught in Newbury and in Kansas, where she m. Neil Wilkie, one of the pioneers of Douglas; merchant and banker; state senator two yrs.; is now farming and deals in grain. Mrs. Wilkie is the last one of this large family.

- 4 SARAH ANN,³ (William,² James,¹) b. June, 1822; edu. at Newbury Sem.; m. May 8, 1844, Rev. Henry Hill (b. Claremont, N. H., Feb. 13, 1819; edu. at Newbury Sem.; admitted to N. H. Conf., Meth. Epis. ch., 1844; in the ministry, except as noted about 40 yrs.; chaplain of 3d N. H. Reg. in the civil war, and was in 33 battles in the discharge of his duties, 1861-'65; Chaplain and Supt. Webster Hospital, Manchester, N. H., some years; in Ryegate without charge, 1867-'69; d. Chicago, Ill., Sept. 1, 1884—[*Native Ministry of N. H.*]) She d. Boston Highlands.

Children:

- i. James William,⁴ [Hill] b. Holderness, N. H., Jan. 2, 1848; edu. in 'public schools of Nashua and Manchester, N. H., with one term at Newbury Sem., spending summers on the Henderson farm; entered the U. S. Navy, serving in the civil war; now connected with the U. S. Army Transport service, holding an unlimited certificate as Master on ocean steamship from U. S. Government; he m. at Minneapolis, Minn., Elizabeth Dodge Richardson. Ch. (1) Elizabeth Richardson,⁵ (Mrs. E. R. Consadine). (2) Charles P.⁵
- ii. Roscoe Renwick,⁴ b. Jan. 5, 1851; d. Chicago, Ill., May 6, 1873.
- 6 WILLIAM J.,³ (William,² James,¹) b. Aug. 10, 1828; ed. New Hampton Ins., N. H.; farmer on homestead, his specialty being the breeding and training of colts in which he was very successful; he enlisted June 1862 in Co. I, 9th Vt., in the civil war as a private and was chosen captain; was captured with his regiment at Harper's Ferry and paroled; dis. 1863 for physical disability; at the time of the St. Albans raid he raised a Co. from Peacham, Groton and Ryegate of which he was elected Major, and was ever after known by his military title; he m. at Meredith, N. H., May 8, 1855, Caroline Kent, dau. Moses Gilfillan (b. Bar-
net, Sept. 3, 1836; d. July 11, 1882); he d. April 30, 1904. Major Henderson was the first to urge upon the editor of this history the task which had been begun by Mr. Mason and Mr. Miller.

Children:

- i. Virginia Jane,⁴ b. May 9, 1856; m. 1st, March 30, 1887, John W. Nelson, q. v., who d. 1893; 2d, Oct. 6, 1896, Sumner A. Williams. Ch. Caro-
line Mary, b. March 15, 1899.
- ii. Capitola K., b. Oct. 5, 1860. d. Nov. 12, 1879.
- 6 iii. Henry W., b. June 12, 1864.
- 6 HENRY W.,⁴ (William J.,³ William,² James,¹) b. June 12, 1864; farmer on homestead; he m. Jan. 1, 1887, Artie M., dau. Orange Morrison.

Children:

- i. Knox Gilbert,⁵ b. Sept. 24, 1887; m. Sept. 18, 1906, Mary, dau. Edwin Abbott; res. St. Johnsbury. Ch. (1) Lottie Jean,⁶ b. April 16, 1907. (2) George Abbott,⁶ b. June 9, 1909.

- ii. Capitola Jean,⁵ b. Dec. 20, 1888; d. Dec. 12, 1906.
- iii. Bessie Hill,⁵ b. Dec. 10, 1890; m. April 29, 1909, Leon Roberts of Bath, N. H.
- iv. Marion Elizabeth,⁵ b. Dec. 10, 1892.
- v. James Morrison,⁵ b. Feb. 7, 1898.
- vi. Winona Margaret,⁵ b. April 21, 1905.

HENDERSON.

WILLIAM,¹ called "Scotch Henderson," to distinguish him from other Wm. Hendersons, was b. at Pathhead, near Edinburgh, 1775; learned the tailor trade but did not follow it; he worked for James Robertson who d. and he m. his widow; her name was Jean, dau. Robert and Jean (Foger) Melles (b. Troach, Scotland, 1771; she m. 1st, 1791, James Morrison, q. v. 2d, James Robertson, who d. Sept. 14, 1811 and had chil.: Janet, b. April 5, 1808; m. Wm. Symes, q. v., and Jemima, b. Oct. 14, 1811, who lived in Ryegate, with her half-sister, Nancy Henderson.) Wm. Henderson and Mrs. Robertson were m. in 1812, and had 3 chil. all b. in Scotland; they came to America in 1820, arriving in Ryegate, July 4; her son Wm. Morrison, had bought for them the farm of George Ronalds, and had the spring work done when they came. This farm is now owned by M. H. Gibson. He was elected an elder in the Asso. Pres. Ch., Sept. 1830; she d. June 14, 1867 in her 96th year, and he d. Sept. 2, 1868, in his 94th year, their united ages being about 170 years, the oldest couple who ever d. in Ryegate. She was 21 at her 1st m., her married life was 72 yrs.; she was twice a widow, in all 5 yrs. She lived in Scotland 47 years and in Vermont 49 years. Soon after he came to Ryegate he built a "pung," which he used in his winter journeys to Boston and for all local purposes. This sleigh, having been in constant use by three generations of Wm. Hendersons is still in faithful service by Wm. J.,³ at St. Johnsbury. William Henderson and his sons were very tall men.

Children all born in Scotland:

- 1 i. William,² b. Aug. 28, 1813.
- ii. Helen,² b. Aug. 24, 1816; m. John Sims of Melbourne, P. Q.; d. Feb. 20, 1908; he d. April 10, 1903. Chil. (1) William,³ [Sims] of Richmond, P. Q. (2) John,² of Windsor, P. Q. (3) Matthew,³ of Melbourne, P. Q. (4) Jennie,³ m. Charles Rose of Sherbrooke. (5) Thomas,³ lived in Boston.
- iii. Nancy,² b. 1818; lived and d. in Ryegate.
- WILLIAM,² (William,¹) b. Scotland, Aug. 28, 1813, m. 1st, Jan. 25, 1838, Hannah, dau. Wm. Gray (b. Sept. 2, 1815; d. June 18, 1857). 2d, June 7, 1859, Elizabeth McLaughlin of Peacham, who d. April 8, 1884; he sold his farm in R. and rem. to Peacham where he d. June 26, 1899. Members of the Pres. ch., Barnet Ctr.

Children:

- i. William,³ b. July 22, 1839; served in Co. K, 3d Vt., in the Civil war, killed at battle of Cold Harbor, June 3, 1864.
- ii. Isabel,³ b. June 8, 1841; m. Lowell, Mass., Aug. 2, 1870, J. B. Dickie; d. July 29, 1904.
- iii. John,³ b. Sept. 22, 1842; served in Co. K, 3d Vt., wounded in battle of Cold Harbor, June 3, and d. July 6, 1864 at David Island, near New York City.
- iv. David Bullions,³ b. Dec. 23, 1843; d. San Francisco, Cal., July 27, 1862.
- v. Jane Gray,³ b. April 11, 1845; m. in Perry, Iowa, Feb. 10, 1875, Thomas Scott; res. Perry.
- vi. Andrew,³ b. Oct. 3, 1846; d. Peacham, Vt., Oct. 21, 1901.
- vii. Caroline,³ b. Nov. 11, 1848; d. Nov. 3, 1880; m. N. H. Ricker, q. v.
- viii. Hannah,³ b. April 18, 1850; d. March 9, 1874.

- ix. Robert,³ b. Oct. 11, 1851; m. in Peacham, Vt., Jan. 9, 1877, Helen Evans of Peacham.
- x. Mary E.,³ b. Nov. 14, 1853; m. Peter Goslant of Peacham and lives on the home farm. No chil..
- xi. Lewis,³ b. Jan. 16, 1856; m. Sept. 6, 1884, Margaret Hayes.
- xii. George Fred,³ b. June 11, 1857; d. June 7, 1884.
By 2d marriage:
- xiii. Henry,³ b. May 17, 1861; d. Oct. 18, 1863.
- xiv. Elizabeth,³ b. Oct. 28, 1862; d. Feb. 20, 1863.
- xv. William J.,³ b. April 29, 1869; farmer in St. Johnsbury; m. March 1, 1892, Florence B Goss of Barnet. Ch. William,⁴ b. March 26, 1893.

HENRY OR HENDRY.

THOMAS and wife came from Scotland with the Robens, Wallaces and others. They lived at first in Newbury, in a log house which stood where that of John Allison now does, on Wallace Hill. He was a moulder, and worked in Brandon several years, where some of his chil. settled. His w. d. and he m. 2d, Sept. 19, 1811, Mary, dau. Samuel Lindsay of Newbury. They lived on the Wright farm in R. between 1830 and 1840. He rem. to Conn. and d. at Forestdale, 1868. Thomas Hendry was noted for his skill in the care and management of bees. There were several children; Mr. Mason does not give the names of all. One son served in the Union army in the 1st Vt. Reg. and later as captain in the 7th Vt. A dau. Eliza, m. George Barker of N. ab. 1847. He d. Proctor, Vt., 1881. Jean W., m. John C. Barker, who came from Scotland, and was reared in the family of Col. A. B. W. Tenney of Newbury. He became prominent at Hartford, Conn., where he d. July 21, 1907, leaving two sons and a dau. Mrs. Barker is still (1911) living. There were 7 other children.

HILL.

REV. ROBERT ALEXANDER, b. near Buffalo, Armstrong Co., Pa., Feb. 20, 1820; grad. Western Univ. Pa., 1843; attended Ref. Pres. Seminary at Philadelphia; licensed by Northern Presbytery, May 17, 1847; pastor of the Ref. Pres. ch. at South Ryegate, Sept. 4, 1848–April 8, 1851; Ass. Pres. ch. at Paterson, N. J., July 18, 1851–May 30, 1855; missionary to India of the Ass. ch. and later of the United Pres. ch., 1855–'63; pastor at Jersey City, April 10, 1864–May 30, 1870; entered the Gen. Ass. Pres. ch. and preached in N. Y., and Pa., as stated supply. He d. at Johnstown, N. Y., June 23, 1902. Mr. Hill was considered a very able man, stedfast in the faith, and of usefulness wherever he went.

HOLMES.

JOHN was a farmer at Kilmalcolm, Renfrew, Scotland. He m. Nellie Laird, and their sons who settled in Ryegate were:

- 1 JOHN, b. 1760.
- 2 ALEXANDER, b. June, 1765.
- 1 JOHN,¹ b. Kilmalcolm, Renfrewshire, Scot., 1760; came to America and Ryegate, 1795, and bought Witherspoon land for the Whitehills says Mason; went to New York and stayed 2 years; settled in R. and m. Margaret Galbraith. Cleared and settled the farm now owned and occupied by J. R. Whitehill, building that house, now remodeled. He d. Aug. 11, 1841; she d. Nov. 6, 1865, 92; bur. in Walter Harvey cem.

Children:

- i. Margaret,² b. Feb. 13, 1800; m. James,² (Abraham,¹) Whitehill, q. v.
- ii. John,² b. May 12, 1801; went to Illinois.
- iii. Helen,² b. May 2, 1803; d. un-m., June 6, 1878.
- iv. Robert,² b. Dec. 6, 1804; went to Michigan.
- v. Janet,² b. Feb. 18, 1806; m. Abraham,² (James,¹) Whitehill, q. v.
- vi. Christian,² b. Feb. 20, 1808; d. Aug. 15, 1859.
- 3 vii. James,² b. April 2, 1811.
- viii. Agnes,² b. Aug. 26, 1813; m. Clark Waters.
- ix. Wm. Galbraith,² b. Aug. 7, 1815; went to Iowa; m. Hannah Pickman.
- x. Mary Ann,² b. Oct. 1817; m. Robert McLam, q. v.
- 12 ALEXANDER,¹ s. of John and Nellie (Laird), b. Kilmalcolm, Scotland, June, 1765; m. there, Agnes, dau. James Whitehill, who settled in Ryegate, June, 1793 (b. Feb. 5, 1776; d. May 5, 1845). He came to Am. in 1795, went back to Scotland, and ret. in the spring of 1798; settled on the farm where his son James afterward lived, now owned by John Gates; he built that house in 1817; he d. Jan. 5, 1831. Members of Ref. Pres. ch., Barnet.

Children. The two oldest b. in Scotland, the others in R.

- i. Mary,² b. May, 1794; d. May, 1797.
- ii. Eleanor,² b. Nov. 14, 1796; m. John Lang, q. v.
- iii. Mary,² b. Sept. 10, 1798; m. William Taylor, q. v.
- iv. Jennet,² b. May 16, 1800; m. John Gates, q. v.
- v. Agnes,² b. Feb. 14, 1802; m. James Dunn, q. v.
- vi. John,² b. July 25, 1804; d. April 26, 1845; un-m.
- 4 vii. James,² b. Sept. 15, 1806.
- viii. Eliza,² b. Sept. 17, 1808; d. Oct. 15, 1889; m. 1st, Thomas M. Noyes, q. v. 2d, John Caldwell q. v.
- ix. Matthew,² b. Nov. 11, 1810; badly injured at the raising of Walter Harvey Meeting House and d. May 11, 1831.
- x. William,² b. Aug. 17, 1812; d. Jan. 3, 1833.
- 5 xi. Alexander,² b. July 31, 1814; lived in Barnet.
- xii. Christian,² b. June 5, 1818; m. Alexander Dunn, q. v.
- JAMES,² (John,¹) b. April 2, 1811; m. Jan. 7, 1840, Agnes, dau. James Caldwell (b. March 20, 1817; d. Jan. 10, 1860). He d. Feb. 27, 1854.

Children:

- i. John Knox,² b. Dec. 1840; went to Iowa, enlisted in an Iowa reg. in the Civil war and while ill with measles was pressed into the ranks in the battle of Shiloh and d. a few days later in April, 1862.
- ii. Margaret Helen,³ b. 1844; m. 1861, Martin V. Blanchard of Barre, Vt.; d. Aug. 24, 1868. Ch. (1) Julia Ann,⁴ [Blanchard] b. Orange, Vt., May, 24, 1862; m. at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Sept. 24, 1903, Nicola Zimmes; res. St. Louis, Mo. (2) Alice Adell,⁴ [Blanchard] b. Orange, June 6, 1864; res. Spokane, Wash., but later came to Montana
- iii. Eliza Ann,³ b. Ryegate, Nov. 1855; d. Sept. 29, 1856.
- iv. James Cruden,³ b. Walden, Vt., April 18, 1850; ed. Peacham Acad., grad. Randolph Normal Sch. 1871; res. Brookfield, Vt., town rep. 1898, '99; clerk and deacon in Cong. ch. many years. He m. March 6, 1872, Lydia Maria Ford of Braintree.

Children:

- i. Myrtie Agnes,⁴ b. Oct. 28, 1873; m. Dec. 23, 1896, Merton C. Jewell of Everett, Mass.; d. Nov. 20, 1897. Ch. Ralph Holmes [Jewell] b. Nov. 15, d. Dec. 2, 1897.
- ii. Fred Ernest,⁴ b. Sept. 9, 1875; ed. Chelsea High Sch.; farmer at E. Brookfield; m. March 8, 1898, Clara Peabody of B. Ch. Lawrence Winifred, b. Nov. 30, 1898.
- iii. William Cruden,⁴ b. Dec. 23, 1877; ed. Brookfield H. S., and Chelsea Acad.; mem 8 yrs. of firm of Ordway & Holmes, merchants, Chelsea; rem. to Cal. 1908, merchant there. He m. Mrs. Edna Williams of Granville, Mass.

- iv. Bertha Gladys,⁴ b. June 15, 1886; ed. Brookfield, grad. Randolph Nor. Sch., 1905; m. Oct. 20, 1907, Arthur C. Lamson of B.; farmer. Ch. (1) Howard,⁵ [Lamson] b. Sept. 28, 1908. (2) Edith May,⁵ [Lamson] b. Nov. 29, 1909.
- v. Herbert Ira,⁴ b. June 17, 1892; ed. Brookfield and Randolph.
- 4 JAMES,² (Alexander,¹) b. Sept. 15, 1806; farmer on homestead now owned by John Gates; was a very large man of great strength. He m. 1st, 1834, Huldah Scales, who d. Feb. 13, 1850; no chil. 2d, Jan. 1, 1852, Sarah, dau. Plummer, who d. Aug. 27, 1855. 3d, Jan. 17, 1856, Achsah, dau. Josiah Emery (b. Ryegate, Jan. 1, 1838; d. June 3, 1876). He d. June 6, 1871; mem. with most of their chil. of the Ref. Pres. Ch. Barnet.
- Children all b. in Ryegate. By 2d marriage.
 - i. Alexander McLeod,³ b. March 23, 1854; m. Oct. 24, 1877, Annie Morrison of Canada; d. Barre, April 21, 1903. Ch. (1) Fanny M.,⁴ b. Sept. 15, 1877; d. Sept. 3, 1884. (2) Lillian Grace,⁴ b. March, 1880; m. March 1908, George C. Launderville (b. Ferrisburgh, Vt., 1887). One ch. b. 1910. (3) James S.,⁴ b. July 10, 1882; d. Sept. 23, 1883. (4) Mary J.,⁴ b. 1888; d. 1890. (5) Caroline Belle,⁴ b. Feb. 2, 1891. (6) Annie M.,⁴ b. 1895; d. 1900.
 - ii. James Saurin,³ b. July 24, 1855; farmer in Barnet; m. March 26, 1884, Jennie Arthur of Wells River.
- By 3d marriage.
 - iii. Matthew Cyrus,³ b. June 3, 1858; farmer on the farm long that of his father-in-law, Edward Miller; he m. Oct. 25, 1905, Maud E. [Lowe] dau. Edward Miller (b. Jan. 20, 1868).
 - iv. Sarah Isabel,³ b. Feb. 3, 1860; m. Wm. D. Darling, q. v.
 - v. John Anderson,³ b. April 2, 1862; m. June 24, 1885, Clara C. Frasier (b. Pictou, Nova Scotia, July 15, 1861). Ch. (1) James Everett,⁴ (2) Christiana,⁴ (3) Gordon.⁴
 - vi. Jennie Eliza,³ b. June 3, 1863; d. May 23, 1883.
 - vii. Freemont Thomas,³ b. Feb. 3, 1865; m. in Boston, Julia O. Shay; d. Jan. 14, 1898. Ch. Joseph Freemont.⁴
 - viii. Annie Flora,³ b. June 27, 1867; grad. from Bellevue Hospital, New York; trained nurse.
 - ix. Mary Sophronia,³ b. Feb. 2, 1871; m. 1st, Dec. 22, 1892, Charles E. Greene (b. Charlottesville, Tenn., March 17, 1868; d. So. Ryegate, May 26, 1902). 2d, Dec. 12, 1907, Allan Tilton Gay (b. Waldo, Me. Aug. 15, 1863). Graduate of Presbyterian Hospital, New York.
- 5 ALEXANDER³, (Alexander,² John,¹) b. July 31, 1814; m. March 7, 1850, by Rev. David Merrill, Caroline Griggs (b. New Jersey, Nov. 21, 1820; d. Oct. 27, 1907); rem. to Barnet, 1874; farmer there and d. Jan. 8, 1894; members Cong. ch. Barnet.
- Children:
 - i. Wesson Griggs,⁴ b. Jan. 15, 1854; grad. Peacham Acad., Supt. of Schools and town clerk in Barnet; was obliged to give up a college course because of ill health; mem. Cong. ch. He m. May 21, 1878, Annie M., dau. Edward Miller; he d. May 8, 1880. Ch. Philip Alexander,⁵ b. B. April 4, 1879; d. May 7, 1881.

HOLT.

The Holt family has long been extinct here. Daniel Holt was a descendant of Nicholas Holt who came from England in 1635, and settled at Newbury, Mass., but removed to Andover, where he d. Jan. 30, 1685, aged 83. Samuel,² his son, lived and d. at Andover. Obadiah,³ son of the latter, was b. at Andover in 1700, and was drowned in Kennebec river in 1739. Isaac,² his son, moved to Amherst, N. H., m. Mary Marble. Their son, Daniel,⁵ b. Amherst, Feb. 5, 1767; m. 1702, Mar-

tha, dau. of Capt. Archelaus Town, a captain in the Continental army. They came to Ryegate about 1801; was a blacksmith and lived on the west side of the road between the Corner and the Gray farm, and had his shop on the east side; later they lived on the Josiah Page farm a little n. of W. F. McLam's, but he d. at the house of his son Wm., at Wells River, June 18, 1854; she d. Oct. 5, 1845, in Bath; both bur. at Ryegate Corner.

Children :

- i. Nancy,⁶ b. Concord, Mass., Nov. 18, 1793; m. Sept. 22, 1821, John B. Ross; lived and d. at Middleport, N. Y.
 - ii. Sophia C.,⁶ b. Newbury, Mass., Aug. 8, 1795; never m.
 - iii. Noah,⁶ b. Haverhill, Mass., Aug. 1, 1797; m. Achsa Walker; lived in Canada.
 - iv. Loammi,⁶ b. Haverhill, N. H., Aug. 11, 1799; m. Nov. 18, 1830, Maria Hooker of Danville. Ch. John and Henry. She m. 2d, Alexander S. Miller, q. v.
 - v. Daniel,⁶ b. Newbury, Vt., Sept. 2, 1801; lived in Bath; in lumber business; m. 3 times
 - vi. Martha,⁶ b. Ryegate, April 19, 1805; m. Benjamin Folger, q. v.
 - vii. Mary,⁶ b. Ryegate, July 8, 1808; never m., lived at Beebe Plain, P. Q.
 - viii. William,⁶ twin to Mary.
 - ix. John,⁶ b. Ryegate, June 19, 1812; m. Dec. 29, 1836, Lorinda Hooker; lived in Bath, Monroe and Danville. 7 ch. Raftsman on Connecticut River 25 yrs.
- 1 WILLIAM SCOTT,² (Daniel,¹) b. Ryegate, July 8, 1808; m. May 9, 1833, Margaret, dau. James Nelson (b. April 28, 1812.) Blacksmith at Wells; River, owning the brick shop where he made axes and other edge tools; he built and occupied the house where H. T. Baldwin lived in 1908 about 1858 they rem. to Iowa where they d.

Children all born at Wells River.

- i. James N.,³ b. May 13, 1834.
- ii. William,³ b. June 21, 1836.
- iii. Nancy E.,³ b. Jan. 5, 1839; m. John Rickey of Green Mountain, Iowa.
- iv. Mary Jane,³ b. Dec. 7, 1841.
- v. Martha S.,³ b. May 1, 1844.
- vi. Margaret J.,³ b. July 20, 1846.
- vii. Robert D.,³ b. April 2, 1849.
- viii. Alfred T.,³ b. May 28, 1851.

HOSMER.

When James Whitelaw and David Allan first visited Ryegate on their tour of inspection, they found Aaron Hosmer living in a log cabin on the farm now that of A. A. Miller. He had lived there for several years, hunting and fishing. He received from them a grant of land which he sold to William Nelson, and returned to Newbury. Mr. Mason says that he was b. in 1724, was living in Charlestown, N. H., in 1740, and was one of Capt. Noble's Co. when attacked by the Indians; in 1754 he was at Fort Dummer. He was one of the first to come to Newbury, and his marriage to Caroline, dau. Thomas Chamberlain, was the 1st in this part of New England. He seems to have had the pioneers spirit, as he became one of the first settlers in Groton, clearing a farm on Ricker's meadow, which he sold, and lived some years in Barnet; was living in 1797 on the Renfrew farm, and d. suddenly while on a visit to Barnet, Aug. 6, 1803. He served 15 days in Capt. Thos. Johnson's Co. of Minutemen in 1775 and as a scout in Capt. John G. Bayley's Co., 8 mo 20 d. 1777-'79. There is no record of the date and place of his wife's death. His descendants are among many families in Groton and other towns.

Children so far as known.

- i. Caroline,² b. Newbury; m. Aaron Wesson.
- ii. Rufus,² m. Sally, dau. Jacob Page; went west.
- iii. James,² m. Miss Carter of Peacham
- iv. Aaron,² b. 1769, in Ryegate, the 1st white child b. in Caledonia Co. He m. July, 1793, Dorothy, sister of Jonathan, Josiah and Robards Darling. Chil. (1) Rufus,³ b. March 7, 1795. (2) Abigail,³ b. July 31, 1787; m. Medad Welch. (3) Phebe,³ b. 1799; m. Josiah Darling. (4) Josiah D.,³ b. Dec. 13, 1801. (5) Phebe,³ b. Jan. 19, 1815.

HOOPER.

- 1 JOHN J. C.,¹ b. Berwick, Me., March 2, 1815; m. 1st Esther Guptill, Feb. 25, 1841, who d. Jan. 6, 1853. He came to Groton, and later to Ryegate and m. 2d, Sept. 8, 1860, Rachel, dau. John,² Orr, and wid. of Isaiah Emery (b. 1816; d. July 6, 1874.) Lived on the Orr farm in the stone house with his son Frank till death, April 27, 1887.

Children by 1st m. all born in Maine.

- i. Joseph Albert,² b. May 11, 1842; res. Groton; served in the Union army.
- ii. Mary Hannah,² b. Oct. 26, 1843.
- iii. James William,² b. May 6, 1845.
- iv. Dorcas Emily,² b. Feb. 27, 1846.
- v. Charles F.,² b. March 4, 1847.
- vi. George A.,² b. May 31, 1849.

By 2d marriage.

- vii. Frank,² b. Ryegate, May 21, 1861; m. Jan. 14, 1885, Madeline Buckland; farmer on homestead. Ch. Charles E., b. Jan. 11, 1895.

HUNT.

The Hunts are long gone from Ryegate, but were active people in the pioneer days. Daniel Hunt was descended from one of the early settlers of Amesbury, Mass., the line of ancestry being:

- i. EDWARD, 1650-1727; m. Ann Weed.
- ii. SAMUEL, 1690- m. Elizabeth Clough.
- iii. DANIEL, 1723 at Kingston, N. H.; m. Mary Trussell of K.; came first to Newbury, 1772, but returned to K. and served in the rev. war; was in the Battle of Bunker Hill; came to R. about 1779 with part of his family, and began to clear the farm owned in 1860 by A. B. Pringle, and built a house there; later he bought land of Hugh Gammell, what is now East Ryegate, and built, Mr. Mason says, the house in which the late Major Nelson lived, now that of Clarence Bedell. He d. 1807; she d. 1795; both bur. in the "Old Scotch Cemetery," and he is the only rev. soldier bur. there. Their descendants are numerous in all northern Vermont and New Hampshire. Their chil. all b. Kingston, N. H., were Joshua, Samuel, Nehemiah, Henry, Daniel, Zebulon, Moses and Mary, who m. Abner Hunt,

- * JOSHUA,² (Daniel,¹) b. 1759; came with parents to Ryegate, served in the rev. war in the Upper Coös, and succeeded his father on the Thos. Nelson farm. He m. 1787, Elizabeth Whittlesey of Newbury, who d. 1823; he d. 1815.

Children all born in Ryegate.

- 1 i. Mehitabel,³ b. Oct. 13, 1788; m. Nathaniel F. Annis.
- ii. Joshua,³ b. Nov. 25, 1790; m. Emma, dau. Er Chamberlin.
- iii. Chapin,³ b. March 1, 1794; m. Susan Ladd of Haverhill.
- iv. Eli,³ b. July 28, 1797; m. Mary Upham.

*(From sketch by Mason, dates of birth from town records).

- v. Worcester,³ b. Aug. 14, 1799; m. Jan. 3, 1822, Charlotte Sherburne of McIndoe Falls. Chil. (1) Solomon S.,⁴ b. Aug. 24, 1825. (2) Chester L.,⁴ b. June 16, 1830. (3) Charlotte S.,⁴ b. Feb. 22, 1832.
- vi. Leonard,³ b. May 14, 1801; d. Nov. 30, 1911; m. Luthera Clark.
- vii. William,³ b. May 31, 1804; m. May 12, 1825, Lucy Sherburne.
- viii. James,³ b. Dec. 19, 1807; m. Lucy Pike.
- ix. Mitchell,³ b. July 20, 1812.
- 1 MEHITABEL,³ (Joshua,² Daniel,¹) b. Oct. 13, 1788; m. Nathaniel F. Annis; they lived in R. several yrs. 7 ch. of whom one at least, Abiathar W., was b. in R. Dec. 3, 1815; physician; grad. Vt. Med. Coll.; Woodstock, 1840; settled in Westfield, Vt., where he d. Jan. 13, 1876.

HUNTER.

- JOHN, b. Lockwinnock, Scotland, 1776; came to Am. 1797; bought of John Hunter of New York, the land on which his son Moses afterward lived; in 1822 he bought of Timothy Upham, Lot 6, Range 2, No. Div., on which he built a saw mill; he was a carpenter, and erected houses and barns in Ryegate and Barnet, and the Walter Harvey Meeting House in 1831. He m. 1802, Marion, dau. John Waddell (b. Scotland, July 6, 1774; d. July 5, 1845.) He d. Jan. 9, 1849; bur. Walter Harvey cem. Members of Ref. Pres. ch.
- Children all born in Ryegate. (Dates of birth from Family Bible which differ from those in town record).
- 1 i. John, b. Feb. 10, 1803.
 - ii. Rebecca,² b. Feb. 13, 1805; d. July 31, 1881.
 - iii. Janet,² b. March 31, 1807; d. April 20, 1893.
 - 2 iv. William,² b. Feb. 11, 1809.
 - v. Mary,² b. Feb. 14, 1811; d. y.
 - vi. Marion,² b. Oct. 3, 1813; d. Nov. 13, 1865.
 - 3 vii. Moses,² b. April 16, 1816.
 - 4 viii. James,² b. March 14, 1823.
 - 1 JOHN,² (John,¹) b. Feb. 13, 1803; farmer in Ryegate till about 1842, when he rem. to Glover. He m. by Rev. Thos. Goodwillie, Feb. 27, 1829, Dorothy Scales (b. Peacham, Jan. 15, 1803; d. in Glover, Aug. 3, 1874.) He d. in Glover. July 15, 1869.
- Children, the first five born in Ryegate.
- i. William,³ b. May 21, 1832; m. Mary Ann Bartlett.
 - ii. Helen M.,³ b. Sept. 26, 1834.
 - iii. John,³ b. July 15, 1836; d. July 15, 1859.
 - iv. Eliza,³ b. Sept. 4, 1838; m. Nov. 26, 1875, Wm. French.
 - v. Sarah S.,³ b. June 24, 1841; m. Jan. 29, 1865, Alvah D. Marckle.
 - vi. Thomas M.,³ b. Glover, Oct. 5, 1843; m. in Groton, Nov. 26, 1875, Rebecca Marsh,
 - 2 WILLIAM,² (John,¹) b. Feb. 11, 1809; m. March 12, 1835, Catherine, dau. John McLam (b. Scotland, Nov. 2, 1815; d. April 4, 1882); farmer in Ryegate; bought of his father Lot No. 6, Range 1, No. Div. 1835; in 1878 he bought the original Hunter farm of his brother Moses, on which he d. suddenly Nov. 11, 1887; members of the Ref. Pres. church. Bur. Walter Harvey cem.
- Children:
- i. Catherine B.,³ b. Feb. 7, 1836; d. July 12, 1865.
 - ii. John Knox,³ b. Oct. 31, 1837; district school ed.; worked for Maj. Thos. Nelson while he was in the army; teamster for a lumber company, Worcester; rem. to Ono, Pierce Co., Wis.; farmer. He m. Oct. 12, 1869, Susan M. Elliott; members of Methodist ch. He d. March 12, 1908; she d. Feb. 13, 1901. One dau. m. R. Richardson; lives on homestead.
 - 5 iii. James Renwick,³ b. Jan. 5, 1840.

- iv. Moses Roney,³ b. Dec. 6, 1842; enlisted in Co. F, 15th Vt., Sept. 1862; taken down with measles in June, 1863; went with his regiment to the battle of Gettysburg; being weak from illness he received a sunstroke which caused the loss of his mind from which he has never recovered; receives a pension of \$72 per mo. for total disability.
- v. Marion,³ b. Dec. 6, 1844; d. Dec. 9, 1911; m. Peter M. Abbott, q. v.
- 6 vi. William M.,³ b. May 12, 1847.
- vii. Robert Andrew,³ b. April 20, 1850; m. Nov. 1878, Sylvia Inman; he d. April 27, 1883; she d. 1887-90. Chil. (1) Joseph.⁴ (2) Robert.⁴
- viii. Mary Ann,² b. April 14, 1853; m. 1st, Lee Somers, q. v. 2d, Cloud Brock, q. v.
- ix. Walter Alexander,³ b. July 10, 1856; m. Jennie Davis; res. Worcester, Mass. Ch. Robert D., Grace and Lillian L.
- 3 MOSES,² (John,¹) b. April 16, 1816, farmer in R.; m. Sept. 21, 1859, Isabel, dau. James,² Whitehill (b. Jan. 13, 1835; d. April 14, 1867.) He d. March 12, 1879; bur. Walter Harvey cem.; members of Ref. Pres. ch. Their farm was afterwards owned by J. J. Hunter, then by Peter Abbott and now by Clinton K. Page.

Children:

- 7 i. James' J.,³ b. April 15, 1863.
- 4 JAMES,² (John,¹) b. March 14, 1823; rem. to Rutland, Mass., 1858; lived in Worcester some years; farmer in Rutland; m. Sept. 7, 1863, Mrs. Abbie (Davis) Green. He d. Feb. 21, 1904; Walter Harvey cem.

Children:

- i. William J.,³ b. 1865; res. Waltham, Mass.; m. Feb. 8, 1899, Estella A. Browning of Lincoln, Mass. Chil. Geo. E., Milton J.
- ii. Abigail,³ b. 1867; m. 1st. Edwin Prescott. 2d, Fred Tucker.
- 5 JAMES R.,³ (William,² John,¹) b. Jan. 5, 1840; com. school edu.; peddled tin ware for Smith Bros., Templeton, Mass. In 1858, went to St. Anthony Falls, now Minneapolis; the village then was on the east side of the Falls; where Minneapolis now stands was then a farm. In that year he went down the Mississippi as a raftman, the raft containing about a million feet in "cribs" of about 4 M each; they met with accidents caused by their unwieldy raft, which they took to Hannibal, Mo. Rem. there till the spring of 1860, and started with two brothers by name of England, and one ox team with tools and a year's provisions, for the Colorado gold diggings, reaching Denver June 15; there were but seven houses in Denver at that time; he discovered the Colorado lode in Gambrel gulch, near Central City, and worked it two yrs. It is still being worked. In the spring of 1862, he enlisted in Co. F, 2d Colorado Cavalry; went with the reg. to New Mexico; wounded in a skirmish near Los Vegas, N. M. When the reg. was ordered to the states, he was left in hospital at Santa Fe; crossed the Plains in the winter of 1863 to Kansas City, joining the Co. at Independence. At that time the army mail from Kansas City to the front was carried by mounted men, two being sent with every mail, as the bushwhackers destroyed the regular mail. In June the carriers from Kansas City to Independence were killed, and Hunter volunteered to carry the mail alone which he did till July, 1864, and was only molested once, when he was ambushed by Dick Yager's band, but escaped; was with his company in several attacks upon guerilla bands, and with his reg. when Gen. Price invaded Missouri in 1864 with 30,000 men, and was in six battles, till Price was driven out. The reg. was then re-mounted, and ordered to the Plains to guard the Santa Fe mail through the Kaw, Comanche and Sioux tribes of Indians, from Walnut Creek to Ft. Lyon, 250 miles, 50 mounted men being sent with every coach. Hunter was on two of these escorts. On the last trip they ran through a large party of Sioux Indians, at the crossing of the Arkansas, but escaped without harm, only to be entangled in a stampede of an immense herd of buffaloes. The reg.

was mustered out at Ft. Riley, June 15, 1865. On their way to Lawrence, the Blue River was swollen by a freshet; he with two others rode in a skiff to Lawrence, 140 miles. Reached home June 29, 1865, having been gone over 7 yrs. In 1866 he bought the Alex McDonald place of his father, in Ryegate, which he sold 1911, to A. E. Roy. In 1880 he built a mill for making apple jelly, etc., which turns out each year 5 to 7 tons of jelly, and other products. In 1899 he built the Vermont House at York Beach, Maine, which he runs through the summer season. He m. Feb. 5, 1868, Flora, dau. Walter Abbott, (b. March 5, 1839.) Mem. Ref. Pres. ch.

Children:

- i. Mabel J.,⁴ b. Feb. 3, 1869; teacher.
 - ii. Margaret S.,⁴ b. Dec. 8, 1871; teacher.
- 6 WILLIAM McLAM,³ (William,² John,¹) b. R. May 12, 1847; ed. Peacham Acad.; in Cal. 1872, one yr.; in Joplin, Mo., two yrs., in mining; ret. to R. 1876; farmer; elected 1884, elder in the Ref. Pres. ch. in Barnet. He m. 1st, Jan. 1, 1879, by Rev. D. C. Faris, Agnes M. Guthrie of Peacham, who d. July 18, 1896. 2d, Nov. 14, 1898, by Rev. D. C. Faris, Mrs. Victoria Whitehill Dunn.

Children all by 1st marriage.

- i. William Luther,⁴ b. Sept. 17, 1881; m. Dec. 21, 1907, Agnes Whitehill of So. Ryegate.
 - ii. David Knox,⁴ b. April 11, 1884.
 - iii. Katherine Agnes Elizabeth,⁴ b. July 1, 1885; m. June 22, 1903, Wilfrid Wilson of Peacham. Ch. (1) Agnes Mary Victoria.⁵ (2) Anne Jean.⁵
- 7 JAMES J.,³ (Moses,² John,¹) b. R. April 15, 1863; m. in R. March 14, 1892, Annie Siebel (b. Washington, Mo., Nov. 28, 1870.) They rem. to Oklahoma, 1900.

Children:

- i. Isabel S.,⁴ b. Ryegate, Jan. 21, 1896.
- ii. Herbert B.,⁴ b. Ryegate, Feb. 13, 1897.
- iii. Annie M.,⁴ b. Ryegate Feb. 23, 1899.
- iv. Delphi O.,⁴ b. Texala, Okla., Aug. 26, 1902.
- v. Agnes E.,⁴ b. Texala, Nov. 2, 1905.

HYNDMAN.*

JOHN,¹ b. 1740; lived in the parish of Kilallen, Scotland, where he m. Janet Alexander (b. 1739). They came to America 1771, landing in Philadelphia or the Jerseys; went to Baltimore, but did not stay long; they went to Princeton where they fell in with Dr. Witherspoon and were persuaded by him to come to Ryegate, where they pitched on land afterward owned and occupied by Wm. Nelson. A few years later his father and mother came over and lived with them, where both d. and are buried in the Old Scotch Cemetery. John Hyndman was the first settler to come to Ryegate with a family. They were original members of the Asso. ch. In 1788 he rem. to Monroe, N. H., later to Barnet. Ord. Deacon in the Associate ch. at Barnet, April 13, 1791, and Elder, May 28, 1794; owing to some troubles in the Barnet ch. they joined the Covenanters in 1800. He d. in Barnet, May 11, 1834, aged 94, and his wife Oct. 28, 1831, aged 92; bur. at Barnet village.

Children all b. in Ryegate except the 1st and last.

- i. William,² b. Kilallen parish, March 23, 1771; rem. to Monroe, N. H.; m. 1800, by Rev. David Goodwillie, Isabel, dau. Walter Brock; she was b. 1776, in the block house on the W. T. McLam farm. 11 ch. He d. July 5, 1868, aged 97 yrs.

* This record is as given by Mr. Mason with a few additions by Mr. Miller.

- ii. Janet,² b. Feb. 20, 1774; the 1st ch. of Scotch parents b. in Ryegate; m. April 28, 1789, Cloud Somers of Barnet. 13 ch. She d. Sept. 30, 1847.
- iii. Margaret,² b. Dec. 24, 1775; m. Thomas Gilfillan of Barnet, as 2d w.; d. June 23, 1834. 5 ch.
- iv. John,² b. April 4, 1778; m. Roxa, dau. Daniel Hall; lived in Barnet, d. 1872. 4 ch.
- v. Alexander,² b. April 5, 1780; clothier at Barnet village; m. 1st, Sarah Gammell. 3 ch. 2d, Mrs. Woodbury. 1 ch.
- vi. Anna,² b. Monroe, N. H., April 2, 1785; m. Nathaniel Bickford; lived in Lyman; rem. to Sutton, P. Q., and d. 1863.

INGALLS.

Two families of this name lived in Ryegate, both descended from Edmund Ingalls, an early settler of Massachusetts.

SAMUEL,⁶ (John,⁵ Eldad,⁴ Samuel,³ Henry,² Edmund,¹) b. Canterbury, N. H., Sept. 27, 1763; m. Anna Shepard of C., (b. Feb. 8, 1767; d. Dec. 20, 1857.) They rem. to Danville, Vt., 1792, thence to Ryegate in 1799, where he d. Dec. 14, 1814. Daniel Doyen was buried on the same day as Samuel Ingalls, and the widows of both on the same day 40 yrs. later.

Children (from "Ingalls Family.")

- i. James,⁷ b. June 24, 1791; m. Mary Cass.
- ii. Samuel,⁷ b. Sept. 4, 1793; d. Dec. 14, 1814.
- iii. Elizabeth,⁷ b. Dec. 5, 1796; m. Ezra,⁶ Gates.
- iv. Hannah,⁷ b. April 10, 1798; d. un-m.
- v. Mary,⁷ b. Ryegate, June 28, 1800; m. Patrick Clough.
- vi. Hannah,⁷ b. Sept. 3, 1802; d. Dec. 30, 1854.
- vii. Morrill,⁷ b. Aug. 13, 1804; lived at So. R., near cemetery.
- viii. Susan,⁷ b. July 6, 1807; m. Clough.
- ix. Abigail,⁷ b. April 26, 1808; m. Miles.
- x. Jemima,⁷ b. July 17, 1811; m. Downes.

Two who d. y.

JOEL, b. Canterbury, N. H., Jan. 21, 1816; lived in Ryegate, Vt., Warren and Wentworth, N. H., rem. to Newburyport, Mass.; cabinet maker. He m. at R. by John Bigelow, Esq., July 9, 1860, Nancy W., dau. John Slys (b. Feb. 13, 1830). He d. Newburyport, Nov. 26, 1891. She res. at N., and with most of her family are members of the No. Cong. ch.

Children:

- i. Annie E., b. Warren, N. H., March 19, 1866; res. Newburyport.
- ii. Edwin M., b. Wentworth, N. H., Aug. 30, 1867; die-cutter for ab. 13 yrs. for the Towle Mfg. Co. of N.; now in bicycle and automobile bus. He m. Dec. 11, 1889, by Rev. C. P. Mills, Ida B. Littlefield. Ch. (1) Norris E., b. Oct. 21, 1881. (2) Nelson P., b. June 24, 1895. (3) Gordon L., b. Aug. 28, 1900.

JACKSON.

REV. SAMUEL A., b. Dunaghy Fort, Co. Antrim, Ireland, July 2, 1863, is a descendant of Anthony Jackson, who, in 1649, with his bro. Richard, removed from Eccleston, Lancashire, Eng., to Co. Antrim, Ireland, where a few years afterward, having become disciples of George Fox, they established the first Friend's Meeting in Ireland.

A century and a half later, in 1802, James Jackson, son of John, was b. in Co. Antrim. He was a man of great height and strength, a student well versed in history and theology. He m. Janet Knox of pure Scottish blood, a woman of remarkable mental and physical strength,

who d. in Philadelphia at the age of 91. Her bro. Rev. James Knox, was for many years pastor of the Pres. ch. at Portglenon, Ireland. James Jackson came to Am. in 1863, settling in Philadelphia, where he d. at the age of 78. He was an elder in the 4th Ref. Pres. ch.

His son, John, b. near Ballymoney Ireland in 1832, m. 1852, Elizabeth, dau. of John Biggart (b. near B. in 1832). Her father was a mechanical genius. The Biggart and Jackson families were for many years connected with the Roseyard Pres. ch., Ireland. John Biggart and his wife both lived to be over 90 and both d. in Ireland. John and Elizabeth Jackson came to Am. in 1867. They had 7 chil. of whom Robert and Samuel A., were twins. The latter, at the age of six, went to live with his gr. parents, James Jackson and wife, where he remained 15 yrs., and by their training was led into the ministry. He was ed. in the public schools of Philadelphia, and in Lamberton's Academy; entered the Ref. Pres. Theo. Sem. at Philadelphia 1888; rec. degree of M. A. from Phil. High Sch., 1894; ord. pastor of Ref. Pres. ch. (N. S.) at So. Ryegate, March 24, 1892. On Oct. 5, 1898 the centennial of the Congregation was observed by exercises in which the following clergymen delivered addresses: Rev. D. C. Faris (R. P. Synod), Rev. W. I. Todd (M. E.), Rev. F. A. Collins (U. P.), Rev. Thomas Tellier (Baptist), Rev. J. K. Williams (Cong.), Rev. Mr. Lindsay (Pres.), Rev. J. R. Crawford (R. P. Gen. Synod). Res. 1901, pastor Mt. Hope, Pa., Un. Pres. ch., 1901-'04; Oakdale, Ill., U. P. ch., 1904-'09. Inst. May 26, 1909, over the Westminster United Pres. ch., Lowell, Mass. Published, 1908, "Among the Maples." He m. N. Y. City, May 3, 1892, Elizabeth Stewart Conally (b. Parish of Kilraught, Co. Antrim, Ireland, 1863. Came to Am. 1884. Member 3d Ref. Pres. ch. (O. S.) N. Y. City.) Ch. (adopted) a niece, Violet Louise Jackson, b. Phil., April 7, 1896.

JOHNSON.

ELIHU,¹ came from Conn., was living in Newbury as early as 1768. Sergeant in Capt. Thos. Johnson's 1st Co. of Minutemen, 1775; also, in 2d Co., serving 16 dys; one mo. in Capt. John G. Bayley's Co., guarding and scouting, 1778; private in Capt. Simeon Stevens' Co., "in Sunday alarms," serving 19 days; private in Capt. Frye Bayley's Co., guarding and scouting 1779-'81; signer of the N. Y. petition 1773. Came to R. ab. 1783, and bought the Dea. John Hyndman farm, and took the west half of it, afterwards called the Bigelow place, his son Samuel taking the east half, where the Webster family has long lived. He m. in Conn., Sarah ——— who d. Sept. 25, 1804; he lived with his son Hugh, and d. Feb. 25, 1811; both bur. in the Whitelaw cemetery.

Children, probably not in regular order.

- 1 i. William.²
- ii. Elinor.² She m. March 27, 1769, Abial Chamberlin; he was a Lieut. in the Rev. war; lived on the Upper Meadow in Newbury, and built the house in which his gt. gd. son, Charles Scales lives, where he d. May 14, 1787, and she m. 2d Ezra Gates, and d. Sept. 24, 1822. Most of the Bath Chamberlins are her descendants.
- 2 iii. Samuel.²
- iv. Hugh.² b. 1779.
- v. Rhoda,² m. Eben Heath, who lived on the Asa Clough farm in R.
- vi. Sally,² m. 1st, ——— Gale. 2d, March 15, 1791, Nicholas Chamberlin.
- 1 WILLIAM,² (Elihu,¹) b. in Conn. Came to Newbury and lived on the Upper Meadow, where his three eldest ch. were born; came to R. during the Rev. war, and lived in the Whitelaw orchard, Mr. Mason says. At the time of the "Royalton alarm," he with his family fled to Haverhill for safety; his war service was the same as his father's, also he

was a private in Capt. Frye Bayley's Co., which marched to Saratoga. In 1783 he bought the west end of the Governor's lot, and built in 1800 the house on what is called the Capt. Nicholas White farm; the frame is of oak. Ab. 1809 he rem. to Hamburg, N. Y., and later to Penn. His wife's name is not given.

Children:

- i. Nancy,³ b. Newbury; m. Dec. 26, 1805, by Rev. D. Goodwillie, Nathan Hall of Waterford.
- ii. Eunice,³ b. Newbury, July 1, 1776; m. March 7, 1799, Capt. Nicholas White of Ryegate.
- iii. Jonathan,³ m. Feb. 17, 1803, Lucy Temple, sister of Ebenezer Temple of Newbury. He lived in a long, narrow house which stood where that of John Bigelow was afterwards built; rem. to the w. part of Vt., near Burlington. 8 chil.
- iv. David,³ never m.
- v. Curtis,³ m. Anna, dau Ezra Gates, who m. 2d, Job Welton.
- vi. Abigail,³ m. a Mr. Ryan; rem to Detroit, Mich.
- vii. Polly,³ m. Mr. Fisk; settled in N. Y.
- viii. Phebe,³ m. Gardner Salisbury; rem. to the n. part of the state.
- ix. John Calvin,³ d. un-m.
- x. Martin Luther.³
- xi. Rhoda.³

SAMUEL,² (Elihu,¹) lived some years near where W. Webster lives; in 1823 on the Gardner farm; served in the Rev. war in frontier service in Capt. Simeon Stevens' Co. In 1840 he was a pensioner in Newbury. He was a man of some education, and for many years an itinerant minister of the Methodist persuasion, although not ordained. He d. at the home of his bro. Hugh in 1845 and is believed to be buried at Wells River. The name of his wife does not appear.

Children:

- i. Benjamin,³ went to St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., 1815; d. 1861.
- ii. John,³ b. 1802; d. at Hamburg, N. Y., 1872.
- iii. Azubah,³ b. April, 1804; m. Joseph Whitcher; d. Oct. 15, 1874.
- iv. James,³ went to New York.
- v. Hannah,³ m. Joseph Flanders; d. ab. 1861.
- vi. Hugh,³ No record.
- vii. William,³ No record.
- viii. Samuel,³ No record.
- ix. Polly,³ m. Sewall Pollard; d. 1870.
- x. Lorenzo.³
- xi. Anna,³ m. John Magoon of Topsham.
- xii. Lucy,³ b. Oct. 16, 1811; m. 1833, Charles K. Chamberlin of Bath.

HUGH,² (Elihu,¹) b. 1770 in Newbury; m. 1st, ab. 1791, Prudence, dau. Sylvanus Heath of Newbury, who is said to have been his cousin (b. Newbury, Nov. 17, 1771.) 2d, Abigail, dau. Josiah Page and wid. of Benjamin Wright. He d. Oct. 11, 1852; she d. 1860; they lived in Ryegate.

Children by 1st marriage.

- i. Herman,³ b. Oct. 26, 1792; d. un-m, in Haverhill, 1850; bur. Ryegate.
- ii. Rebecca,³ b. March 15, 1795; m. 1st, Mr. Dole. 2d, James Brock.
- iii. Nathan,³ b. Feb. 11, 1797; accidentally killed by the bursting of a gun.
- iv. Huldah,³ b. July 10, 1802; m. A. M. Pike of Waterford.

By 2d marriage.

- v. Clarissa,³ b. 1804; m. 1st, Archibald Taylor. 2d, Joseph Martin of Wells River.
- vi. Dorcas,³ b. Feb. 23, 1806; d. Jan. 23, 1874; m. Joel Carbee, q. v.
- vii. Benjamin Wright,³ b. Feb. 13, 1808; m. Mary, dau. Thos. Hendry.
- viii. Lydia P.,³ b. Feb. 4, 1810; d. un-m.

- ix. Coland Page,³ b. Feb. 10, 1812; m. 1st, Nancy Davis. 2d, July 5, 1833, Abigail Sanborn of Newbury.
- x. John H.,³ b. Jan. 24, 1814; m. Fanny E. Rodgers.
- xi. Sally,³ b. 1817; m. Stephen Nelson, Jr.

JOHNSON.

PETER,¹ son of John, and half-brother of Col. Thomas Johnson of Newbury; b. at Hampstead, N. H., June 7, 1756; came to Newbury before the Rev. war and was one of three young men who started from Newbury on foot the day the news of the battle of Lexington reached that place and were present at the battle of Bunker Hill, in which he was wounded. He also saw other service. He m. Isabel Simpson. They lived in Newbury, Peacham and Haverhill. He d. in H. Aug. 29, 1806; bur. at Horse Meadow cemetery, Haverhill.

Children:

- i. Caleb,² d. 1806.
- ii. Thomas S.,² who went to Ohio about 1800.
- 1 iii. John S.,² b. April 5, 1783.
- 1 JOHN S.,² (Peter,¹) b. Haverhill, N. H., April 5, 1783; m. in Topsham, Feb. 21, 1810, Lydia, dau. Benjamin Ricker (b. Newbury, Sept. 10, 1792; d. Barnet, Feb. 10, 1785.) They lived some 25 years in Concord, Vt. came to Ryegate 1838, living on the Pollard farm till 1847; rem. to the Asa Clough farm; he served in the war of 1812. They were members of the Congregational ch. at Concord, in which he was a deacon, and they were original members of the Cong. ch. at Wells River. He d. 1851.

Children:

- i. Benjamin,³ b. March 12, 1811; d. Concord, Vt., July 25, 1834.
- ii. Isabel,³ b. Haverhill, N. H., Nov. 15, 1812; m. Nathaniel Lee of Waterford, Vt. 7 ch.
- iii. Harriet N.,³ b. Concord, Vt., Feb. 6, 1815; m. in R. 1843, Abraham R. Ross of Waterford. One ch.
- iv. Mary H.,³ b. Concord, May 15, 1818; m. Asa Morrill who d. at Kirby, Vt., Jan. 31, 1861. She d. at Farragut, Iowa, Oct. 12, 1885. 2 ch.
- v. Caleb H.,³ b. Feb. 7, 1820; m. St. Johnsbury, Vt., Dec. 1849, Maria M. Young (b. Waterford, Vt., 1822; d. Bangor, Me., 1892.) He d. Romney, W. Va., Nov. 18, 1851. Ch. Virginia,⁴ m. Rev. E. P. Lee. One ch. Maria.
- 2 vi. Moses D.,³ b. Feb. 28, 1822.
- vii. Sally M.,³ b. Nov. 7, 1824; d. Brattleboro, Aug. 26, 1869.
- 2 MOSES DOW,³ (John S.,² Peter,¹) b. Concord, Vt., Feb. 28, 1822; m. Barnet Feb. 2, 1858, Jane, dau. Walter Harvey (b. Barnet, April 4, 1830; d. Calais, Me., Sept. 26, 1898). He d. Barnet, Oct. 27, 1892. Member of Cong. ch., about 55 yrs.

Children:

- i. Walter H.,⁴ b. Ryegate, April 16, 1860; m. Barnet, April 10, 1890, Phoebe Ella Abbott. Ch. Edward A. H., b. May 9, 1892
- ii. John S.,⁴ b. Ryegate, Jan. 4, 1861, d. Barnet, Sept. 23 1882, drowned in Conn. river.
- iii. Mary,⁴ b. Barnet, May 31, 1869; d. there Aug. 24, 1890.

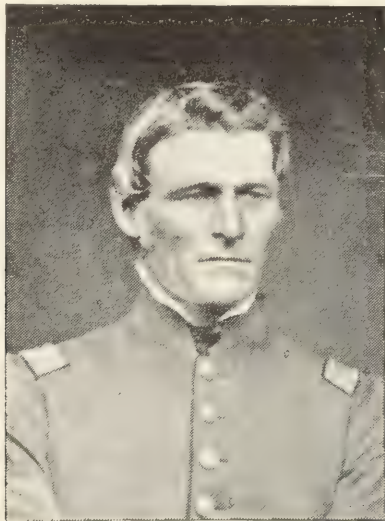
JOHNSTON.

- *JOHN,⁴ b. Balmaghie, Galloway, Scotland, 1760; m. Mary Erwin, ab. 1784. They came to New York, 1775, intending to settle in Virginia, supposing it would be an easy matter to go there, but found it would be

* By Mr. Mason, with additions by Mr. Miller and Mrs. Stanley.



JAMES JOHNSTON, ESQ.



MAJOR THOMAS NELSON.

a long journey and very costly at the time. He worked one year in a blacksmith shop on Chambers St., for 7 York shillings, or 87½ cts. per day, supporting a family of five persons. They were attracted to Ryegate because it was a Scotch settlement, and arrived here July 1, 1796. He bought of the Scotch Co., a tract of land which many of the Vt. settlers refused to take because of its rough appearance. After he came here he hired out to the farmers in winter, his principal work being threshing for \$4 per mo. He was a man of untiring energy, and laid the foundation of a considerable estate, largely increased by his son and grandson. He brought a certificate of character from their minister, Rev. James Reed of Cushiehill, in Gallo-way, of the Ref. Pres. ch., and one from the Society for Prayer Meetings signed by James Fraser and John McLure. He d. 1805; she d. April 9, 1833

Children all born in Scotland.

- i. Robert,² d. y.
- 1 ii. William,² b. 1787.
- iii. Mary,² b. 1790; m. Walter Buchanan, q. v.
- 1 WILLIAM,² (John,¹) b. Scotland, 1787, came to America and was 18 when his father died. He had 10 acres of wheat which he sold to Andrew Brock for \$1.25 per bush., which with a few cattle, paid for the farm. This wheat was ground into flour at Boltonville and sent to Boston. He m. by Rev. Jos. M. Milligan, March 3, 1830, Jean, dau. James Whitehill (b. 1795; d. 1873.) He d. 1870. They were members of the Ref. Pres. ch.

Children:

- i. John,³ b. Nov. 26, 1830; m. March 16, 1858, Elizabeth, dau. Archibald Ritchie (b. Sept. 1, 1832). Ch. Elizabeth J.,⁴ b. Topsham, March 18, 1858. John Johnston d. 1861.
- ii. James,³ b. Dec. 18, 1832; farmer on homestead; never m. Prominent in town and county business and intrusted with the settlement of estates; director in Wells River Savings Bank; town rep. 1876, 1888. He was considered a safe counsellor in financial affairs and became the wealthiest man in town. He d. 1900.
- iii. William,³ b. Dec. 13, 1834; d. 1861.

ELIZABETH J.,⁴ (John,³ William,² John,¹) b. Topsham, March 18, 1858; m. 1879, Charles A. Stanley of St. Johnsbury.

Children;

- i. Johnston,⁵ b. 1881; bond broker, firm of Wolf & Stanley, 27 Waltham St., N. Y. City.
- ii. Edgar Clark,⁵ b. 1883; automobile mechanic with Auto Car Co., N. Y. City.
- iii. Marion Elizabeth,⁵ b. 1885; asst. librarian, St. Johnsbury Athenæum.
- iv. Jean Laura,⁵ 1887; student at Boston Conservatory of Music.
- v. Charles Lyman,⁵ farmer at No. Danville.

KEENAN.

DANIEL,¹ b. Greencastle parish, Belfast, Co. Antrim, Ireland, June 21, 1789; m. Sept. 14, 1812, Margaret McCowen (b. April, 1789 at Billerabent Parish, Templepatrick, Co. Antrim, Ireland.) They came to America in 1822, and settled in Topsham, where he was an elder in the Ref. Pres. ch. In Ireland he had been an elder in Dr. Paul's congregation, in all 55 yrs. He d. Topsham, July 11, 1876; she d. Aug. 31, 1859. Rev. N. R. Johnston in "Looking Back from Sunset Land," pays a fine tribute to Elder Daniel Keenan.

Children:

- i. Jane,² b. Ireland, Dec. 17, 1813; d. April 1, 1877; m. John Caldwell, q. v.
- ii. William,² b. Ireland, July 26, 1815; farmer in R. Member of, and some years precentor in Ref. Pres. ch. He m. 1st, Dec. 17, 1845, Martha,

- dau. John Abbott of Barnet, who d. March 2, 1848. 2d, May 1, 1851, Harriet R. Morse. One ch., Mary, by 1st m., who d. May 24, 1894, aged 36. He d. Groton, April, 1894.
- iii. Nancy,² b. Ireland, Nov. 1, 1817; d. Jan. 4, 1878; m. Robert M. Craig, q. v.
- iv. Edward J.,² b. Ireland, May 1820; farmer and harness maker in Groton. He m. Harriet N. Bond. 3 ch. of whom one is living, Susie, who m. Carlyle Renfrew, q. v.
- v. Margaret,² b. Topsham, June 20, 1822; tailoress. She m. by Rev. N. R. Johnson, Dec. 30, 1852, Ebenezer Currier; d. Feb. 5, 1866.
- vi. Judith,² b. Oct. 13, 1824; d. May 29, 1883.
- vii. Susannah M.,² b. July 26, 1827; m. Peter M. Darling; d. April 6, 1864.
- viii. Josiah A.,² b. July 31, 1829; m. Jan. 11, 1853, Lucinda, dau. Moses Gates (b. Oct. 7, 1830; d. March 18, 1902.) Enlisted Sept. 1862 in Co. D, 15th Vt., in the Civil war, serving 9 mos. Member of Ref. Pres. ch. Topsham; he d. Jan, 10, 1907.

Children:

- i. Francis J.,³ b. Oct. 25, 1853; d. Feb. 28, 1906; lived in Topsham; m. Jan. 3, 1883, Vina R., dau. Isaac P. Dunn (b. R. Sept. 1, 1858). Ch. (1) Frank Lyle,⁴ b. July 29, 1886. (2) Marinda Pearl,⁴ b. Feb. 19, 1888. (3) Morris Ray,⁴ b. Feb. 14, 1890; m. Oct. 4, 1911, Eva Heath.
- ii. Ida J.,³ b. Feb. 14, 1855; m. Benj. M. Fuller, q. v. She d. Dec. 5, 1911.
- iii. Morris R.,³ b. Oct. 19, 1857; d. Dec. 8, 1892; m. Sept. 18, 1890, Sarah Baylor. Ch. John B.,⁴ who d. aged 4 yrs., 6 mos
- iv. Margaret G.,³ b. July 20, 1860; m. Dec. 14, 1886, Fred Larrow; res. Wells River. Ch. Ida Belle,⁴ b. Groton, Oct. 1, 1891.
- v. Charles E.,³ b. Sept. 6, 1866; m. Sept. 25, 1887, Olive Burr. Ch. (1) Mantie Pearl,⁴ b. Dec. 8, 1891. (2) Mabel Ruth⁴ (3) Roxy Mary.⁴
- vi. Fred Leon,³ b. Feb. 23, 1874; d. Aug. 21, 1876.

KELLOGG.

JOHN D.,¹ b. Bolton, Vt., Feb. 1, 1843; served in the civil war in Co. I, 13th Vt. Vols.; res. Waterbury; he m. March 21, 1867, Sarah L. Collins.

Children:

- i. Effie M.,² b. Feb. 11, 1868.
- 1 ii. Henry Ransom,² b. April 30, 1869.
- iii. Emma D.,² b. Nov. 16, 1871.
- 1 HENRY RANSOM,² b. Waterbury, April 30, 1869; grad. at Green Mountain Seminary, Minard Commercial School, 1886. He m. at Hardwick, July 3, 1890 by Rev. Charles Clark, Nellie M., dau. Wm. L. Folsom (b. Hardwick, May 29, 1874.) Came to Ryegate, 1894; farmer at E. Ryegate; both members of Cong. ch. at McIndoes.

Children:

- i. Bessie May,³ b. Feb. 10, 1899.

KENDALL.

REV. JOHN HENRY, b. Jamestown, Greene Co., Ohio, July 19, 1851, s. of Joseph and Agnes (McMillan) both of whom d. 1859. Fitted for college at Cedarville and Xenia, Ohio; grad. Indiana Univ., Bloomington, Ind., June, 1872, and from the Ref. Pres. Theo. Sem., at Philadelphia, March, 1876; ord. and inst. pastor of the Ref. Pres. ch. at So. Ryegate, July 13, 1876. Resided three yrs. with the Henderson family n. of the village, and for seven yrs. with his sister, Miss M. Julia Kendall, occupying the parsonage. During his ministry he married 18 couples, conducted 75 funerals, baptized 16 adults and 32 children; received as members, 34 on profession of faith, and 21 on certificate; released from this pastorate March, 1886; ins. July 9, 1887, over the R. P. congregation at Tarentum, Pa. Dr. Kendall has never married.

KNIGHT.

NATHANIEL,¹ b. Plaistow, N. H., 1761; m. at Wentworth, N. H., 1793, Hannah Smith, (b. Candia, 1769.) They came to Groton and bought of Gen. Whitelaw, Sept. 1, 1794, one-half of Lot No. 49. In 1804, they rem. to Ryegate, to land bought of Alexander Dunn; in old age he lived on the farm now owned by Walter Farrow, owning one-half of it; mem. of Cong. ch. Peacham till the Anti-Masonic troubles, when he withdrew and became a member of what is now the United Pres. ch. in R. He d. May 18, 1843; his wife five days earlier; bur. in Walter Harvey cemetery. His bro. Samuel, lived in Warren, N. H.

Children:

- i. Betsey,² b. Wentworth, N. H., May 18, 1794; m. Amos W. Abbott, q. v.
- 1 ii. Nathaniel,² b. Groton, Oct. 14, 1795.
- iii. Lucy,² b. Groton, May 12, 1797; m. Andrew Laughlin, q. v.
- 2 iv. Samuel,² b. Groton, Jan. 21, 1799.

Five younger who d. in inf. and are bur. in the cem. in the n. e. corner of Groton.

- 1 NATHANIEL,² (Nathaniel,¹) b. Groton, Oct. 14, 1795; m. 1st, Oct. 25, 1823, Sarah, dau. Hugh Laughlin (b. July 14, 1802; d. June 3, 1845). 2d, 1849, Jane Taylor of Newbury; she d. in Ryegate Jan. 2, 1858, and he went to Cal. in Feb. 1859, where he d. Aug. 12, 1871.

Children, all born in Ryegate.

- i. William Laughlin,³ b. May 10, 1825; d. May 23, 1832.
 - ii. Nathaniel Ambrose,³ b. March 4, 1827; went to Cal., 1851; m. Martha Jane Farqua; deacon in Baptist ch.; d. Aug. 20, 1898, at Fresno. Ch. Olive,⁴ Loren,⁴ Ira,⁴ Alida,⁴ Viola.⁴
 - iii. Henry Thornton,³ b. Oct. 29, 1828; went to Cal. 1851; civil engineer, built the dam across American river, and the electric light works at Folsom, Cal., which supply light and power to the city of Sacramento; mem. of Baptist ch. He m. Nellie A. Bender; d. July 24, 1898. Ch. Carl Laughlin,⁴ Cora Laughlin,⁴ Bertha Louise.⁴
 - iv. Andrew Laughlin,³ b. March 4, 1830; accident attorney for B. and M. R. R., for many years. He m. in Boston, Jan. 1859, Mary Abbie Severeance; he d. Nov., 1893. Ch. Walter Henry,⁴ Mabel,⁴ m. Dr. Spear.
 - v. Samuel Pringle,³ b. Aug. 21, 1831; went to Cal., 1852; carpenter; served 3 yrs. as bugler in a reg. of Cal. Cavalry during the Civil war; member of Pres. ch.; m. Sarah Freeman. He d. Sept. 31, 1906.
 - vi. John Laughlin,³ b. Feb. 14, 1833; went to Cal. 1852; farmer and teamster. He m. Ida Schoff. 1 dau. Sarah.⁴ He d. April 9, 1878.
 - vii. William Laughlin,³ b. Jan. 25, 1835; went to Cal. Captain in a Cal. reg. in the Civil war; commissary a year or more of the same reg.; conductor nearly 40 yrs. on the So. Pacific; five yrs. traveling Pass. Agent. He m. Mary Grant. Ch. Lillian,⁴ and Ralph.⁴ Baptist. He d. Sept. 24, 1906.
 - viii. Lucy Amanda,³ b. July 13, 1836; went to Cal. 1859; m. Sherburne Thorn. She d. Nov. 19, 1890; he d. Mar. 10, 1898. Ch. Lois,⁴ Albert,⁴ Sarah,⁴ Edna.⁴ All d. but Lois. Methodists.
 - ix. Sarah Calista,³ b. June 18, 1838; m. Elan Dunlap; teacher and farmer. Ch. Anna,⁴ Elan,⁴ Paul,⁴ Mabel,⁴ and Knight,⁴ the latter a professor in Johns Hopkins Univ., Baltimore, Md. Mem. Baptist ch., Berkeley, Cal.
 - x. Hannah Eliza,³ b. March 16, 1840; m. Gilmore Morrison, q. v.
 - xi. Harriet Jane,³ b. Aug. 20, 1842; m. Justus Schomp of Sacramento, Cal.; farmer; members of Baptist ch. Ch. Maude,⁴ Elmer,⁴ Ralph,⁴ Ethel.⁴
 - xii. Caroline Arvilla,³ b. Oct. 23, 1844; m. Frank Goodspeed of Newaygo, Mich.; farmer; Baptists. Ch. Meredith,⁴ Sarah,⁴ Hattie.⁴
- By 2d marriage.
- xiii. George Taylor,³ b. Jan. 7, 1849; in Cal.; m. Emma Linwood; carpenter; Methodists. Ch. Edith,⁴ Emma,⁴ Lida,⁴ Mabel,⁴ Alice.⁴

- 2 SAMUEL,² (Nathaniel,¹) b. Groton, Jan. 21, 1799; m. Anna, dau. William,⁵ Abbott (b. July 30, 1792; d. Nov. 3, 1868.) He d. Nov. 9, 1874; bur. in Walter Harvey cem.

Children:

- i. Samuel Worcester,³ b. June 9, 1834; d. Oct. 18, 1889; m. at Lowell, Mass. May 31, 1857, Emily Culver, who d. Jan. 1, 1877.
- ii. Lydia Hoyt,³ b. Oct. 7, 1825; m. Thomas Smith. q. v.
- iii. Thomas Scott,³ b. Aug. 25, 1827; m. in Cal. Lucy Taylor.
- iv. Moses Harriman,³ b. June 30, 1830; d. Jan. 28, 1880; m. Elizabeth Benson of Ill.
- v. William Abbott,³ b. March 15, 1832; d. Feb. 7, 1904; m. Harriet Moore of Lowell, Mass.
- vi. Julia Ann,³ b. Jan. 2, 1834; d. July 28, 1904; m. Nov. 1854, Isaac Brown of Mass.
- vii. Mary Abbott,³ b. Feb. 2, 1839; d. Dec. 27, 1899; m. Philander Orr, q. v.

LANG.

ROBERT,¹ came from Johnston, Scotland; lived in Boston and in Ryegate. He m. Sept. 14, 1854, by Rev. J. M. Beattie, Christianna, dau. John Gates (b. Aug. 27, 1832). He d. April 27, 1863. She m. 2d, David Lang, q. v. She visited Scotland where she sustained severe injuries in a railway accident. Members of Ref. Pres. ch.

Children:

- i. James Beattie,² b. Boston, Nov. 11, 1855; machinist; member Ref. Pres. ch. and the Y. M. C. A., Boston. He d. Ryegate, May 1, 1880.
- ii. Mary,² b. Ryegate, Nov. 24, 1857; ed. Peacham Acad.; teacher; she m. 1st, at Boston by Rev. Dr. Miner, John Conrad Swizer from Geneva, Switzerland; bookkeeper at Philadelphia; rem. to California where he d. 1887. One ch. Paul Emile,³ b. Philadelphia, April 7, 1880; d. April, 1882. She m. 2d, June, 1892, Herve Friend of Gloucester, Mass., photographer. He d. Holyrood, Cal., Aug. 2, 1907. She res. with her chil. at Holyrood.

Children:

- i. Ellery Chaistine,³ b. April 7, 1895.
- ii. Richard Herve,³ b. July 17, 1897.

JOHN,¹ s. of David and Margaret (Corruth) b. Kilmalcolm, Scotland, Aug. 26, 1799. Left Scotland, April 27, 1820 and came to Barnet via Quebec and Montreal; worked in B. and Ryegate. He m. by Rev. Jas. Milligan, March 23, 1826, Eleanor, dau. Alexander Holmes (b. Kilmalcolm, Nov. 14, 1796; d. Topsham, Oct. 1, 1884.) They settled in Topsham, where he was a farmer. Members of the Ref. Pres. ch. He Dec. 30, 1871.

Children all born in Topsham:

- i. Margaret,² b. Aug. 25, 1827; never m.; d. Feb. 16, 1875.
- 1 ii. David,² b. Sept. 10, 1829.
- iii. Alexander,² b. Aug. 31, 1831; m. June 6, 1882, Abbie Caswell of Hanover, N. H.; d. Dec. 9, 1904.
- iv. Nancy,² b. Dec. 24, 1833; d. May 30, 1845.
- 2 v. John,² b. Feb. 14, 1836.
- vi. Eleanor,² twin to John; teacher; res. St. Johnsbury.
- 3 vii. James,² b. Oct. 23, 1839.
- 1 DAVID,² (John,¹) b. Sept. 10, 1829; farmer in T. except one and a half years in Boston. He m. 1st by Rev. P. N. Granger, Dec. 9, 1858, Luella A. Randall, who d. April 8, 1860, leaving 1 ch. Mary Ella,³ (b. March 27, 1860; d. Dec. 18, 1861). He m. 2d by Rev. J. M. Beattie, Dec. 6, 1870, Christianna, widow of Robert Lang, q. v. Rem. to Ryegate. Members of Ref. Pres. ch. Barnet, in which he was a ruling elder, and

S. S. Supt. Later lived nearer the Corner and held the same offices in the Ref. Pres. ch. there; held town offices in Topsham and in Ryegate. Rem. 1887 to Cal. Members of Knox Pres. ch., Los Angeles. Died Aug. 22, 1910.

Children:

- i. Ellen Flora,³ b. Ryegate, Sept. 27, 1873; grad. Cal. State Normal Sch. at Los Angeles; teacher in city schools.
 - ii. Cornelius Alexander,³ b. Dec. 1, 1875; in electric business at Los Angeles; m. May 26, 1896, Virginia Fleming.
- 2 JOHN,² (David,¹) b. Feb. 14, 1836; farmer in Topsham; Elder in Ref. Pres. ch. there. He m. Sept. 22, 1875, Orillor A., dau. Hiram Mills (b. 1853.) Rem. to Newbury, 1904, and later to St. Johnsbury, where he d. March 5, 1908; bur. Topsham.
- Children:
- i. Arthur Mills,³ b. July 23, 1876; m. June 17, 1903 Eva E. Howard.
 - ii. Milo J.,³ b. Nov. 8, 1878.
- 3 JAMES,² (David,¹) b. Oct. 23, 1839; teacher some years in the west; ret. to Topsham; farmer there. He m. Jan. 25, 1864, Eliza, dau. James Caldwell (b. March 20, 1845; d. Dec. 2, 1900.)
- Children:
- i. James Clarence,² b. Oct. 22, 1867; m. May 15, 1900, Myrtie Williams.
 - ii. Gustavus Tebbetts,³ b. Sept. 21, 1869; d. Nov. 14, 1885.
 - iii. Nellie E.,³ b. June 3, 1871; m. April 7, 1891, Willis B. Plummer of Ryegate. Ch. Cecil L., and Russell J.
 - iv. Lizzie M.,³ b. Dec. 17, 1874; m. April 7, 1891, Stephen N. Welch of Groton. Ch. Earl E., Minnie I., Nellie (dea.), Josephine A., Clarence and Linwood.
 - v. Minnie A., b. July 19, 1876.
 - vi. Martin C.,³ b. May 6, 1884; d. Aug. 29, 1888.

LATTO.

JAMES,¹ came from near Markinch, Fife, Scotland, where he m. 1833, Janet, dau. Alexander Barker. They left Scotland in March, 1834, with her father's family and those of William Chalmers and Alexander Laing, who settled in Newbury. They sailed around the north of Scotland being delayed by storms in the Moray Firth, their voyage being 12 weeks, during which they saw no sail. They came to Newbury via Montreal and Burlington. James Latto lived many years in Ryegate, on a farm in the Hall neighborhood, now owned by the sons of Martin Hall. She d. July 15, 1864; he d. March 5, 1877; members of the Ref. Pres. ch., South Ryegate; bur. in Groton cem.

Children:

- i. David,² b. 1834, went to Wisconsin.
- ii. Grace,² b. 1836; d. Aug. 4, 1872; m. Feb. 21, 1854, Charles E. Lanphere of Groton. They lived later at So. R., and had several chil., among whom was James B., who m. a dau. of Orlando Carter and d. April 16, 1889.
- iii. Isabel J.,² b. Jan. 12, 1839; m. Jan. 1, 1857, Daniel Taisey of Groton; rem. to Newbury, 1870 where she d. Sept. 29, 1872. Chil. David,³ (dec.), Frank,³ Alex.³ Seth.³
- iv. Janet Alice,² b. 1843; m. Nov. 17, 1867, James Morrison, q. v.
- v. Alexander,² b. 1845; d. April 7, 1865.
- vi. John C.,² a photographer in Boston where he died.

LAUGHLIN.*

HUGH,¹ b. Ballygraffin, Co. Down, Ireland, 1761. He was of a landed family, with property entailed, his elder brother, John, succeeding to the estate, dying without heirs. Hugh m. Feb. 14, 1792, Elizabeth Clark

* By Mr. Mason and Mrs. Pringle.

of Grey Abbey near Strangford-Laugh. In 1798, he joined the patriot cause, called the "Irish Rebellion," and was made a Lieut. Col. in their army. After the defeat of the cause, being an officer, he was pursued by the English soldiers, a reward of £60 being offered for his head, *on or off*. His house and barns were burned, his cattle killed, his wife and children made homeless; nothing was saved. While he was in hiding he had several thrilling escapes. Once, being hidden beneath a feather bed, while the soldiers ran their bayonets through it, the blade passing between his arm and body. At another time he was covered with the ample skirts of his cousin, while she sat by her flax wheel and spun, during the search of the house by the soldiers. About May 1st, 1799, he succeeded in getting his family embarked for America at Belfast and boarding the ship under the assumed name of Hess, reached New York about the first of July, coming at once to Ryegate where several of the Irish patriots had already settled arriving here the 3d of August, and bought land in the west part of the town, and erected buildings. He was prominent in town affairs, being a Justice of the Peace, selectman 7 yrs.; town representative, 1811, '12, '16, '17. Member of and a deacon in the Congregational ch. at Bath; his funeral sermon being preached by Rev. David Sutherland. He d. Jan. 29, 1824; bur. in "Hall" or W. Ryegate cemetery. His homestead is now owned by Wm. N. Davidson; the original house was torn down in the spring of 1872. Mr. Mason says that Hugh Laughlin was a very courteous agreeable man, the head of a fine family. A very curious incident showing the narrow religious spirit of early days is remembered: When he built his new barn, and before it was used, a meeting was held in it and his youngest child was baptized. The babe cried and the mother, who was a Covenanter, came forward and held it during the ceremony. For this act she was censured by the church or by the minister. She d. June 22, 1852.

Children: Three b. in Ireland, the rest in Ryegate.

- i. William,² b. Nov. 29, 1792; went to Milton, N. Y., Nov. 12, 1840; teacher there and in Camilla several years; studied medicine and grad. at Fairfield Medical Coll., and was in practice at Canton, Onondaga Co., being a physician widely and favorably known. His father's brother John dying without heirs he succeeded to the estate and in 1849 went to Newton Ards, Ireland, to assume control and take possession, returning to America in the same year. He m. Dec. 1828, Amanda Barber from Conn. Both d. at Canton, many yrs. ago. Two sons, who d. when young men.
- ii. Mary Jane,² b. Oct. 23, 1794; d. Groton, March 24, 1873, while visiting a niece; bur. in Hall cem.; teacher 15 yrs., also wrote poems and sketches for the press.
- 1 iii. Andrew,² b. Feb. 21, 1797.
- iv. Eliza,² b. Oct. 23, 1799; d. April 8, 1826.
- v. Eleanor Clark,² b. June 23, 1801; d. June 23, 1857.
- vi. Sarah,² b. July 14, 1803; m. Nathaniel Knight, q. v.; d. June 3, 1845.
- vii. Anna,² b. Dec. 5; d. Dec. 18, 1805.
- viii. Anna,² b. July 2, 1807; d. March 8, 1859.
- ix. John,² b. March 10, 1809; went to Canton, N. Y., 1835; teacher 3 yrs. He m. April 15, 1839, Pamela Bovee, and settled on a farm; rem. 1846 to Marquette Co., Wis. Both dead many yrs.
- x. Rachel,² b. Sept. 26, 1810; d. Oct. 14, 1883, at the home of her niece, Mrs. Pringle, with whom she had lived many yrs. Bur. in Hall cem.
- 1 ANDREW,² (Hugh,¹) b. Ireland, Feb. 21, 1797; farmer on homestead; built in 1826 a house near his father's which was burned Oct. 25, 1906.. He m. Sept. 27, 1827, Lucy Smith, dau. Nathaniel Knight (b. Groton, May 25, 1797; d. Mar. 8, 1859.) Members of United Pres. ch. in which he was an elder till death, July 12, 1872; he d. Greensboro, Vt., while on a visit there; bur. in Hall cem.

Children all born in Ryegate.

- 2 i. Andrew Scott,³ b. May 25, 1832.
- ii. Julia Ann,³ b. April 29, 1834; m. A. B. Pringle, q. v.
- 3 iii. Nathaniel K.,³ b. March 13, 1836.
- 2 ANDREW SCOTT,³ (Andrew,² Hugh,¹) b. May 25, 1832; learned the watchmaker's trade with P. M. Paul of Groton; rem. with him four yrs. In 1857 he went to Lowell, Mass., worked in shop of Joseph Baynes; ret. to R. 1858; went into the watch, clock and jewelry bus. in the Chappell block at Barnet Vill., continuing there till death; burned out in 1871, he erected the present building. In 1862 he enlisted in Co. F, 15th Vt. Reg. under Capt. Xerxes Stevens; received a sun stroke just before the battle of Gettysburg in which he was engaged but was separated from his command, not being able to return home till after the regiment was mustered out. He never fully recovered. He m. Aug. 31, 1857, Sarah Young of Nova Scotia. He united when a young man, with the United Pres. ch. at Barnet Ctr., later with the Cong. ch. at Barnet Vill., from which he withdrew in 1905 and became a member of the "Church of God." He d. at B. Aug. 9, 1908.

Children all b. in Barnet.

- i. William Andrew,⁴ b. Dec. 22, 1858; d. March 21, 1859.
- ii. Claudie Edward,⁴ b. Jan. 11, 1861; watchmaker jeweler and optician at Whitefield, N. H. He m. 1st, Feb. 6, 1889, Bertha Marion, dau. John and Emma [Brooks] Page of W. Ch. Edgar Brooks,⁵ b. July 25, 1892; d. March 8, 1909. 2d, at W., Sept. 19, 1901, Elizabeth Harriet, dau. Alex. and Elizabeth [Scott] Mountain. Members 1st of M. E. ch., but now of the "Church of God."
- iii. Annie Lucy,⁴ b. July 3, 1862; d. April 2, 1864.
- iv. Rollin Knight,⁴ b. March 8, 1866; druggist at Barnet some yrs.; now res. at St. Johnsbury, emp. by the Fairbanks Co., as a sealer of scales. He m. Feb. 14, 1891, Mary, dau. Loren F., and Lydia [Smith] Miner. He is the leader of "Laughlin's Orchestra." One son, Raymond R.,⁵ b. Barnet, Jan. 29, 1894; now in Conservatory of Music, Boston. Members of So. Cong. ch., St. J.
- v. Julian Pringle,⁴ b. June 28, 1868; watchmaker and jeweler at Barnet succeeding his father. He m. June 25, 1901, Nellie Edith, dau. Charles D., and Isabel [Farrow] Harris of Waterford; his mother makes her home with them. Members of the "Church of God."
- vi. Nellie Sarah,⁴ b. March 24, 1872; ed. Peacham and St. J. Acads., and grad. Plymouth [N. H.] Normal School; teacher in the Union schools of St. Johnsbury. Member of the "Church of God."
- 3 NATHANIEL KNIGHT,³ (Andrew,² Hugh,¹) b. March 13, 1836; farmer on homestead. He m. Sept. 13, 1859, Jane C., dau. John Smith. He d. June 15, 1865.

Children:

- i. Rose Anna,⁴ b. July 18, 1861; d. Aug. 24, 1865.
- ii. Robina Lucy,⁴ b. Aug. 25, 1862; milliner at Barnet some yrs.; is now a nurse. Member of the "Church of God."

LEITCH.

ARCHIBALD,¹ son of Dougall and Mary (Campbell) b. Roseneath, Scotland, June 28, 1767; m. in 1799, by Rev. Thomas Henderson of Kilmalcolm, Mary McCum, (b. Jan. 16, 1779). In 1801 they rem. to Greenock, and rented a farm where they lived 30 yrs. In the herring season he was a fisherman. They came to America in 1839 and bought a farm in Danville. In 1852 they came to R. to live with their son Archibald, where he d. Dec. 28, 1864, aged 97. She d. Jan. 16, 1863. Members of the Ref. Pres. ch.

Children (besides six who d. y.) all b. in Scotland.

- i. Elizabeth,² b. May 15, 1801; m. Archibald Ritchie, q. v.
 - ii. Mary,² b. 1803; m. John Gillies. 7 ch.
 - iii. Margaret,² b. 1805; m. James Lang.
 - 1 iv. Archibald,² b. July 5, 1807.
 - v. Janet,² b. 1811; m. John Adams.
 - vi. Agnes,² b. 1816; m. James McLam, q. v.
 - vii. Jane,² b. 1820; m. Jacob Foster. Hon. D. J. Foster of Burlington, Member of Congress, is their son.
 - 1 ARCHIBALD,² (Archibald,¹) b. Greenock, Scot., July 5, 1807; farmer and fisherman; came to Am. with parents; farmer in Danville till ab. 1850, when he came to R. and bought the farm now owned by Colin McDonald. This is a very productive farm, high on the eastern slope of Blue Mountain. He was a very successful and enterprising farmer, devoting much attention to fruit raising. He d. July 5, 1883; she d. April 7, 1872.
Members of the Ref. Pres. ch.
- Children all born in Danville except the last.
- i. George Washington,³ b. Jan. 25, 1843.
 - ii. Wm. Buchanan,³ b. Feb. 1, 1845.
 - iii. Archibald,³ b. July 15, 1847; d.
 - iv. Mary Ann,³ b. Nov. 23, 1849.
 - v. Margaret Winning,³ b. Ryegate March 18, 1857.

The two sisters were educated at St. Johnsbury Academy, and went south teaching among the colored people in Va., several years, assisted by their oldest brother. In 1880 they received appointments from the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions to the Ceylon mission, where they spent ten years in teaching and missionary work; in order to interest others they delivered addresses at public gatherings in the U. S., which met with such favor that they traveled through Great Britain and this country, delivering addresses, and soliciting funds for a girls boarding school and for Jaffna College at Jaffna, Ceylon. They also collected funds and arranged for the erection of the McLeod Hospital for women and children at Jaffna, and for the General Medical Mission there; they also collected funds to erect the Lady Havelock Hospital at Colombo, Ceylon; they helped to secure funds for the Woman's and Children's Hospital under the care of the American Board at Madura and toward the erection of the Lady Kincaid Hospital at Lucknow, India; they cooperated with Rev. F. D. Greene in collecting nearly a quarter of a million dollars for the relief of the Armenian sufferers in Turkey; they co-operated with the Christian Herald in helping to secure two ship-loads of grain for the famine sufferers of India, and helped to secure the passage of a bill in Congress for the free transportation of the last ship-load. This grain was mainly distributed through the missionaries and their helpers. In cooperation with Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Crafts they prepared a book entitled, "The Protection of Native Races from Intoxicants and Opium," containing the testimonies of over 100 statesmen, missionaries and travelers. When the treaty between Great Britain and China regarding the importation of opium from India to China was up for revision, this book was used to influence British statesmen, and helped to bring about the passage of a treaty looking toward the abolition of the opium traffic in China. After 28 years of strenuous missionary and philanthropic work these sisters retired, purchased a small estate at Ridgewood, N. J., where they reside. The brothers were associated with the sisters in much of their work.

LIDDLE.

JAMES,² son of Andrew and Jean [Dunn] Liddle, b. 1783 at Camrie, Broad Lands of Craigallen, parish of Strathblane, Stirlingshire, Scotland. (He was bro. of Mrs. John McLam and youngest of a large family).

Farmer; m. Jane McColl of Drummond, and lived afterward at the town foot of Curbath, till they came to Am. in 1832, landing in Quebec and came immediately here, settling where their son William lives, in the n. e. part of the town. She d. 1864; he in 1866; bur. Ryegate Corner.

Children, the four eldest born in Scotland.

- i. Margaret,³ b. Scotland, 1829; never m.; d. Barnet, March 11, 1887.
- ii. Jane,³ b. ab. 1828; d. on the voyage to America, and bur. at sea.
- iii. Janet,³ b. 1827 in Glasgow; m. March 10, 1864, Robert W. Guthrie of Ryegate. Chil. besides two who d. in infancy. (1) William J.,⁴ b. May 20, 1866. (2) Andrew L.,⁴ b. April 19, 1868. Druggist and jeweler at McIndoes. (3) Isabel Jane,⁴ b. Feb. 14, 1870. (4) Margaret Grace,⁴ b. July 8, 1877. They lived in Barnet till 1907, when the entire family with the exception of Andrew L., rem. to Turlock, Cal., where they now reside.
- iv. Andrew,³ b. Oct. 18, 1830; farmer with his bro. William on the homestead in Ryegate. Never m.; d. Aug. 10, 1909.
- v. William,³ b. Ryegate, 1835; farmer with bro. Andrew.
- vi. James A.,³ b. 1837; farmer in R. owning the Robert [Rock Rob] Gibson farm. He m. April 8, 1903. Ellen Theresa, dau. James H. Guthrie Chil. (1) Theresa Jean,⁴ b. Aug. 23, 1904. (2) May Agnes Elizabeth,⁴ b. Oct. 6, 1909. They rem. to McIndoe Falls 1911.

On Nov. 1, 1859, Andrew and James Liddle started for California, via the Isthmus of Panama, reaching San Francisco the 27th, an unusually quick trip for those days; rem. at S. F. till Jan. 1, 1860, when they went to Downicville; in mining and mill work there till June 23, 1863; went to Portland, Ore., thence to the Dells of the Columbia, from there to Umatilla Landing and by stage to Bannock City (now Idaho City) Idaho, on their way to the Bois mines, reaching there July 16, 1863; worked there and at Grand or "Lone" Creek, also up Salmon River prospecting as far as the Yellowstone Park in Wyoming; ret. to Vt. in 1870. On March 23, 1871, William and James started for the Pacific coast, leaving Andrew at home on the farm, going by rail on the newly opened Pacific Railroad, then the only transcontinental line. They worked in San Francisco and in Morin Co., ab. a year, going thence to Austin, Nev., where they tried silver mining; left A. on a prospecting expedition that took them as far as Soda Springs, Idaho, going west from there to Battle Mountain, where they worked about a year, returning to San Francisco; rem. there ranching, at carpenter work and brick laying; Wm. returned to Vt., 1882, James remaining to settle affairs, ret. to Vt. 1884. The Liddle brothers are progressive and successful farmers, noted for their fine stock and productive farms. Their reminiscences of mining and frontier life are very interesting.

LOW or LOWE.

OBADIAH,¹ a revolutionary soldier, came from Maine and settled where Groton cemetery is. His wife's maiden name was Sally Hobbs. He went as a soldier in the war of 1812 and never came back; d. in N. Y. state.

Children:

- i. Henry,² lived in the n. part of Groton some 20 yrs., went west in 1836, with a horse team, and family.
- ii. Ivory,² settled in Maine.
- 1 iii. Hosea,²
- iv. Asa,² b. Jan. 13, 1796; res. in Bradford where he was very prominent. (See McKeen's History of Bradford, pp. 349-352.)
- v. Ira,² (twin to Asa.) Farmer where Groton cem. is; rem. to W. Bradford. He m. the widow of Andrew Gray of Groton.

- vi. Ephraim,² kept store in Groton; began ab. 1830; m. 1st, Emily Hall of Rumney, N. H., who d. Feb. 4, 1843. 2d, Sarah Darling. Several ch.; no record. He d. Danville, 1850.
- vii. Mary,² m. a Dr. Kelley of Bath, Me.
- viii. Abigail,² m. a Dr. Frastus of Bath, Me.
- 1 HOSEA,² (Obadiah,¹) m. 1st, Mary Abbie James, who d. ab. 1836. 2d, the widow of Joseph Morrison. He went west and d. at Money Creek, Minn.
 - Children:
 - i. Lucinda,³ d. 1848.
 - ii. Comfort,³ m. Joel Mann in Boston; they lived in R. some yrs; went to Cal., where she d. Aug. 1, 1876.
 - iii. Emily,³ b. Jan. 6, 1821; d. 1883; m. Peter³ Gibson, q. v.
 - iv. Fanny,³ b. 1823; d. Bay Point, Cal., Nov. 24, 1871.
 - v. Louis Isaac,³ b. June 30, 1828; carpenter; built the Covenant ch. at the Corner in 1850; Precentor in the Covenant (Ref. Pres.) ch. some years; went to Cal. 1849, and was engaged in lumbering some years; began the study of medicine ab. 1860, and was in practice at Strawberry Hill, Col., where he m. Martha Jackman from Solon, Maine, who d. Oct. 2, 1870. He went to the Sandwich Islands, where he was in practice and seems to have been a naval surgeon, re-visiting Ryegate several times. Ch. (1) Fanny,⁴ b. San Jose, Cal., June 1, 1863. (2) James Milligan,⁴ b. March 15, 1865.
 - vi. Lester,³ b. April 11, 1832; farmer on homestead and carpenter; member of M. E. ch. Groton. He m. by Rev. John Bole, March 12, 1856, Margaret, dau. James P. Whitehill (b. July 23, 1834; d. Oct. 18, 1911). He d. Sept. 5, 1902; bur. Groton.
 - Children, all attended Peacham Academy.
 - 1. Mary Alice,⁴ b. Oct. 24, 1857; m. Geo. P. Sanderson, q. v.
 - 2. James Renwick,⁴ b. Nov. 25, 1859; carpenter; res. Woodsville, N. H.; m. 1st, by Rev. E. J. Ranslow, July 3, 1883, Mary Pope of R., who d. May 12, 1894; bur. at So. R. Ch. Geo. Lester,⁵ b. Nov. 17, 1884; res. N. Y. City. He m. 2d, July 14, 1897, Mrs. Julia Ladd of Springfield, Mass., who d. Aug. 18, 1910; bur. Groton.
 - 3. Margaret Galbraith,⁴ b. Aug. 5, 1862; mem. R. F. Pres. ch. So. R.; m. Jan. 20, 1897, Leon F. Knox of Kirby, Vt.; d. June 6, 1908; bur. Groton. Ch. Margaret G,⁵ b. Jan. 8, 1898.
 - 4. Abram Ellsworth,⁴ b. May 4, 1867; contractor and builder; member of R. P. ch., So. R. He m. June 28, 1893, by Rev. Mr. Harris, Mary Ellen, dau. Edward Miller. He d. April 6, 1899; bur. at Ryegate Corner. Ch. (1) Burton Miller,⁵ b. Groveton, N. H., July 7, 1896. (2) Norman Abram,⁵ Ellsworth, b. Nov. 12, 1898.
 - 5. Nellie Estelle,⁴ b. March 13, 1872; mem. R. F. Pres. ch. So. R.; m. June 20, 1896, by Rev. Mr. Wolcott to Thomas Buzzo of Montgomery, Vt. She d. Aug. 17, 1897; bur. Groton, Vt.

LUMSDEN.

JAMES,¹ b. Scotland; linen weaver; m. Margaret Gourly. They came from Star-MarKinch, Fife. James came to Newbury with his son George, about 1830, and sent for his family two years later; lived near Newbury Vil., rem. to Jefferson Hill, but spent his last days at So. Ryegate with his dau., Mrs. Ritchie, where he d. May 24, 1854, aged 73 and is bur on Jefferson Hill. His wife and son David are buried in the Ox-bow cem., Newbury. He was a man of extensive information and all the family were Presbyterians.

Children all b. in Scotland.

- i. Agnes,² b. Sept. 6, 1807; m. Archibald Ritchie, q. v.
- 1 ii. James J.,² b. 1809.
- 2 iii. George,² b. April, 1811.

- iv. Margaret,² b. Oct. 22, 1815; m. Walter,³ Buchanan, q. v.
- v. David,² d. y.

JAMES J.,² (James,¹) b. Scotland, 1809; came to Am. ab. 1832; m. 1834, Lillias, dau. Alexander Miller (b. R. March 11, 1804; d. July 8, 1863). Lived on the Quint place so-called, but rem. 1842 to Greensboro. She d. in Boston of cancer. Mem. of Ref. Pres., now U. P. ch. in G. He d. March 17, 1883; both bur. in G. She was a member of the Un. Pres. ch., Greensboro.

Children:

- i. David Alexander,³ b. Ryegate, 1835; went to Cal., ab. 1856, with his bro. James; in mining road building and stage business. Is m. no chil.
- ii. James John,³ b. R. 1836; went to Cal. with his bro. He m. 1871, Clarissa Alexander. Children all b. in Cal. (1) David Alexander,⁴ b. March 5, 1872. (2) Calvin Erastus,⁴ b. Aug. 5, 1874. (3) Forest,⁴ b. July 3, 1876. (4) James John,⁴ b. March 8, 1879. (5) John E.,⁴ b. Aug. 22, 1881. (6) Martha Elizabeth,⁴ b. Oct. 4, 1883. (7) George Franklin,⁴ b. Oct. 22, 1885. (8) Leander Quint,⁴ b. June 7, 1888. (9) Thomas Joseph,⁴ b. July 11, 1890.
- iii. Erastus Calvin,³ b. R. 1838. Member of 4th Vt., in Civil war; taken prisoner and d. at Andersonville.
- iv. Margaret Jane,³ b. R. 1839; d. 1869 in Greensboro.
- v. Martha Ann,³ b. R. 1840; m. Jan. 1, 1864, George W. Pettee, mem. 15th Vt., in Civil war; he d. 1903. She res. Jericho, Vt.

Children:

- 1. Oscar William,⁴ [Pettee] b. Jan. 10, 1866; m. Oct. 15, 1890, Viola E. Stearns.
- 2. Ethelyn Estelle,⁴ b. July 3, 1870; m. Dec. 23, 1891, Elmer E. Alger. Ch. (a) Myrtle Martha,⁵ b. Sept. 9, 1894. (b) Bernice Mildred,⁵ b. May 15, 1901.
- 3. Lillie May,⁴ b. Dec. 27, 1873; m. Oct. 16, 1896, Alden G. Perrin. Chil. (a) Marjorie Louise, b. Sept. 21, 1898. (b) Everett Bernard, b. April 16, 1903.
- vi. Nancy,³ b. Ryegate, 1840; d. Barre, Vt., 1903.
- vii. Geo. Washington,³ b. Greensboro. 1843; m. Jan. 28, 1874, Janette Gebbie; mem. Un. Pres. ch. at G. in which he was leader of the choir over 40 yrs. He d. April 28, 1911.

Children:

- 1. George Forrest,⁴ b. Sept. 17, 1875; m. April 4, 1900, Lilla B. Swett.
- 2. Willis Gebbie,⁴ b. Oct. 2, 1881; m. Sept. 30, 1903, Bertha B. Batten. Ch. (a) Nina Margaret,⁵ b. Jan. 17, 1905. (b) Donald Batten,⁵ b. April 11, 1907.
- viii. Eliza Ellsworth,³ b. Greensboro, 1845; d. 1866.
- ix. Mariette Tebbetts,³ b. G. 1847; m. Nov. 22, 1877, James D. Wilson (son of John and Margaret [Young] Wilson, who came from Scotland, 1843; b. in G., Sept. 13, 1848; ed. Morrisville Acad., teacher and employed in Scale Factory, St. Johnsbury; settled in G. buying farm formerly that of Jas. Aiken, a native of R.; town rep. 1892; elder in U. P. ch.)

Children:

- 1. Florence Edith,⁴ b. Feb. 19, 1879; grad. Bennington, H. S. 1897; m. Aug. 16, 1904, Roy G. Young. 1 ch., Ethel Mary,⁵ b. June 23, 1906.
- 2. John Irwin,⁴ b. March 2, 1882; grad. Laconia, N. H., Bus. Coll.; m. Dec. 10, 1907, Lucy May Thompson. Ch. Robert Edward,⁵ b. July 31, 1909.
- 3. James Harrison,⁴ b. Sept. 14, 1889; grad. Craftsbury Acad., 1909; now (1910) in Vt. Agri. Coll.
- 4. Lillyas Rosana,⁴ b. Greensboro, July 7, 1850; m. Charles R. Witcher of E. Hardwick, Sept. 6, 1887; she d. April 5, 1894; no chil.; bur. in E. Hardwick cem.

- 2 GEORGE,² (James,¹) b. Scotland, April 1811; came to Am. with father; settled on Jefferson Hill, Newbury; went to Cal. 1849; served 3 mos. in Co. K. 3d Vt. He m. Mary dau. Walter,² Buchanan (b. April 15, 1810; d. Oct. 24, 1878). He d. March 7, 1881.

Children:

- i. Janet,³ b. Nov. 22, 1832; d. May 7, 1909.
- ii. Mary,³ m. James Halley of N. as 3d wife.
- iii. Margaret,³ m. N. H. Ricker.
- iv. David,³ farmer in Newbury and Groton; d. July 24, 1906. One dau. d. y.
- v. Nelson,³ d. March 30, 1879, aged 28.
- vi. Lillias,³ d. March 7, 1881, aged 33.

MANCHESTER.

STEPHEN,¹ b. Tiverton, R. I., 1717; soldier in frontier wars, served in Rev. war as a private, and was in the siege of Boston. His sons, Stephen, Thomas and Gershom, and his brother John also served in the Rev. war. He rem. to Windham, Maine, where he d. 1807.

THOMAS,² (Stephen,¹) came from Windham, Me., to Haverhill before 1770. He enlisted as a private in Capt. Samuel Young's Co. of Bedel's reg. under Gen. Stark; was with the reg. in Canada. and at the capture of Ticonderoga in 1777, and d. there in service. He m. Hannah dau. James Bailey of Newbury and Peacham [Hist. of N., p. 451] who after his death m. George Garland of Barnet and d. Feb. 28, 1811. A pocket book carried by Thomas Manchester in the Rev. war is owned by Benj. Manchester.

Children: [According to the record made by Alfred Poor of Salem, Mass., many years ago.]

- 1 i. Ezekiel,³
- 2 ii. Enoch,³ who settled in Groton, Vt.
- iii. Abigail,³ who m. Joseph Felch of Waterford.
- 3 iv. Thomas,³
- v. Anna,³ m. Samuel Nutter of Barnet.
- vi. Hannah,³ m. Hazen Burbank, q. v.
- vii. Rachel,³ m. Moses Burbank.
- viii. William,³
- ix. James,³ Lived in Maine.

EZEKIEL,³ (Thomas,² Stephen,¹) After his mother's m. to Geo. Garland he lived with them till of age, Mason says, then went on to a farm in Barnet owned in 1860 by his son Thomas. Deacon in the Baptist ch. at Passumpsic and a most worthy man. He m. 1st, 1790, Sarah, dau. Samuel Smith of Bath (b. 1770; d. July 8, 1820.) 2d, Mrs. Mary, wid. of Martin Chamberlin of Bath. Ezekiel and his 1st w. are bur. in a pasture on the old Manchester farm, in a walled enclosure, with several gr. ch. His 2d w. d. at the home of her son, Dea. Charles Chamberlin at Waterford, and bur. there.

Children (dates of birth from town record; marriages from Mason.)

- 4 i. Thomas,⁴ b. March 1, 1795.
- ii. Phœbe,⁴ b. June 6, 1796; m. James McLay of Glasgow, Scot.
- iii. Elizabeth,⁴ b. Oct. 15, 1798; m. Hazen Aldrich of R. and d. a year later.
- iv. Joseph,⁴ b. Aug. 24, 1802; m. Drusilla Sherburne of R. and d. here. Ch. Joseph,⁵ Sarah,⁵ Jane,⁵ Charlotte B.,⁵ and Andrew J.,⁵ All dead but Joseph who res. in Cal., and Andrew J., at W. Townsend, Mass.
- v. Ezekiel,⁴ b. Oct. 29, 1803; m. Mary Ann Smith of Bath. He d. in Norwich Vt. Both bur. at Norwich. One son, Alfred S., who m. Martha Dutton; lived and d. at Norwich. Their dau. Mary who m. Heman Durkee; 2 sons.

- vi. Benjamin,⁴ b. Aug. 31, 1805; m. 1st, Hannah Sherburne, who d. Ch. Betsey,⁵ and Hannah.⁵ 2d, Dolly Mitchell of Plainfield. Ch. Curtis,⁵ Laura,⁵ and Austin.⁵ He went to Stevens Point, Wis.
- 2 ENOCH,³ (Thomas,² Stephen,¹) m. Miss Wilmot; settled in Groton, but rem. ab. 1838 to St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., where they d.

Children:

- (1) Nathan. (2) Enoch. (3) Joel. (4) Osee. (5) Isaac. (6) Hannah. (7) Lucy who never m. Nathan's chil. were Joel, Sally, Charles and Prosper. Enoch's were Carlos, Mary, Enoch, Frank, Jane, Martha, Sarah and Meribah. Enoch, at Princeton, Ill., asks that their record be inserted for its preservation. Joel's children were Emagene, Althea and Julia. Osee's were Emily, Gordon, Daniel, perhaps others. Isaac had no children. Hannah had one daughter.
- 3 THOMAS,³ (Thomas,² Stephen,¹) b. Haverhill, N. H., June 6, 1770; m. 1st, Elizabeth Kelley. Ch. (all b. in Barnet 5 of whom d. of spotted fever in 1816.) Stephen,⁴ Ezekiel, Amos, Osee, Joel, Thomas, Timothy, Solomon, William, Elizabeth, who m. Geo. Sutherland; 4 ch. Hannah, who m. William Fraser, lived and d. in Monroe, N. H., Jane, who m. John Sutherland and d. at Ft. Ann, N. Y. Thomas Manchester m. 2d, Abigail Redding of Barnet. Ch. all b. in B. Priscilla,⁴ Moses, Lemuel, Thomas, and Abigail. He d. June 29, 1852; she d. April 20, 1876. 5 chil. Thomas Manchester in 1791 took Freeman's Oath, "in so far as it agrees with the word of God." He was one of the 50 who signed the call to Rev. David Goodwillie. None of his ch. lived long in R., but many descendants are in Barnet and Monroe.
- 4 THOMAS,⁴ (Ezekiel,³ Thomas,² Stephen,¹) b. March 1, 1795; came to R. with parents; farmer on homestead; m. 1840 Mary, dau. Stephen Holman. He d. Sept. 7, 1874; she d. June 28, 1899. The farmhouse on the homestead was built in 1818.

Children:

- i. Charles H.,⁵ b. 1841; res. McIndoes; harness maker; m. Helen J. Sullivan. 2 ch. Harry S., adopted dau. Nellie A.
- ii. Luther S.,⁵ b. 1843; farmer; he m. Laura Lackie of Barnet. Ch. Adopted dau. Kate M.
- iii. Phebe,⁵ b. 1845; d. Nov. 1891.
- iv. Benjamin,⁵ b. Nov. 6, 1848; farmer, owning the John Currier farm; he held several town offices and was representative in 1904. He m. Oct. 24, 1876, Loella N. McLachlin of Peacham. No ch. Res. McIndoes Falls.
- v. Thomas,⁵ b. 1849; farmer on homestead, the farm of Ezekiel Manchester, which has been in the family name 116 yrs. Not m.
- vi. Edwin,⁵ b. May 27, 1854; res. near Harvey's Lake, Barnet; farmer, also employed several seasons at White Mountains. He m. March 29, 1881 by Rev. D. C. Faris, Sarah Jane, dau. Dudley and Rebecca (Roy) Nutter. Members of Ref. Pres. ch. Ch. Mary Rebecca,⁶ b. March 19, d. April 10, 1886; bur. Stuart cemetery in Barnet.

SOLOMON,⁴ (Thomas,³ Thomas,² Stephen,¹) b. Barnet, May 4, 1806; m. there March 10, 1830, Eunice Redding (b. Barnet, May 31, 1800); res. in Charleston, Vt., 6 yrs., then in Barnet; rem. to Waterville, Vt., April, 1839, where he d. March 7, 1897, nearly 91 yrs. old. She d. W. April 28, 1889. Mem. M. E. ch.

Children:

- i. Amanda M.,⁵ b. Charleston, Vt., Feb. 23, 1831; m. Jan. 1, 1859, Alden Darling of Morristown; res. there till he d. 1891, then in Waterville till d. Sept. 5, 1804; bur. in Morristown.
- ii. Aurila J.,⁵ b. Charleston, Aug. 17, 1833; m. at Bakersfield, April 20, 1871, Emerson Wheelock of B. Rem. to Waterville, Oct. 1902, where he d. Dec. of same year; she res. in W.
- iii. Stevens R.,⁵ b. Charleston, July 4, 1835; m. Jan. 1, 1862, Ellen Wells; she d. Feb. 1908; he res. Waterville. Ch. Clara J., and Edwin.

- iv. James M.,⁵ b. Barnet, Oct. 15, 1837; m. Aug. 14, 1862, Charlotte B. Wells; enlisted in Co. I, 1st Vt. Cav.; taken prisoner April 1864, in Kilpatrick's raid before Richmond; d. Andersonville Prison, Ga., Sept. 1864, and bur. there. Ch. Monroe J.
- v. Henry W.,⁴ b. Waterville, Feb. 24, 1840; m. Dec. 5, 1871, Rhoda Coddington. 3 ch. Res. Cambridge, Vt.
- vi. John A.,⁵ b. W., April 11, 1842; m. Oct. 10, 1878, Margaret Irving. He d. Leadville, Col., May 30, 1880; bur. Waterville.
- vii. Horace S.,⁵ b. W., March 20, 1844; m. July 4, 1876, Mrs. Harriet Divoll. Ch. Ernest and Hattie; res. Johnson, Vt.
- viii. Eunice R.,⁵ b. W., Jan. 22, 1847; d. Aug. 25, 1851.
- ix. Ernest W.,⁵ b. W. June, 1849; m. Sept. 7, 1883, Amy Leach; res. on homestead at W. Ch. Anna and William.

MASON.

This family is of Scotch and French ancestry through an alliance made in the troublous times of the "Pretender." The name was originally spelled Masson.

- I. WILLIAM MASSON,¹ (1716-1769) m. Anne Magoy (1706-1773). Their chil. were William, Matthew, Jean, John and Joan.
 - II. WILLIAM,² (1738-1784) m. Jean Thompson. Their sons were George and William.
 - III. GEORGE,³ (1769-1848) m. Isabel Neilson of Erskine, where they lived, died and are buried. He was prominent in reform, and so efficient in quelling disturbance during the Corn Law riots that he received a silver medal with the cross of St. George as a testimonial. His wife's name is perpetuated in an educational institution endowed by his family and still known as the "Neilson Institute" of Paisley. (See "Nelson Family of Erskine," in this volume).
- Children:
- i. William,⁴ manufacturer with his father at Paisley, Scot.
 - ii. Archibald,³ buried in Vermont; lived in Ryegate at one time.
 - 1 iii. George,³ b. 1800.
 - iv. James,⁴ lived, d. and bur. at Paisley.
 - v. John,⁴ lived in Ryegate some years; rem. to Rock Falls, Ill., where he d. Jan. 1897, bur. at Sterling, Ill. Never m.
 - vi. Peter,⁴ a physician; d. in Missouri in 1862. No children.
 - vii. Jean,⁴ m. John Allison of Paisley, Scot.; d. and bur. there.
 - 2 viii. Nelson,⁴ b. March 17, 1810.
 - ix. Janet,⁴ m. Alexander McNeil; d. 1849; bur. at Albany, Ill.
 - 3 x. Carlile,⁴ b. May 17, 1817.
 - 1 GEORGE,⁴ (George,³ William,² William,¹) b. Paisley, Scot., 1800. Came to Ryegate ab. 1820; farmer here, also notary public, and had considerable legal knowledge, practising law to a limited extent, and was a successful schoolmaster; was also agent for book publishers, and in other business. He lived some years in Sutton, which he represented in 1852. His service to Ryegate and Barnet consisted in collecting information from the oldest people living between 1855 and 1862, of the early history of these towns, family researches and anecdotes, with the intention of publishing a small volume containing these collections. Sketches of several families from his hand found places in the *Caledonian*, the *North Star*, the *Vermont Union* and the *St. Johnsbury Index*, a short-lived paper of limited circulation. But interest in local history was not much in evidence in his day; his plans met little encouragement, and at his death some of his papers were scattered and lost. Most of them however, fell into the hands of Mr. Edward Miller, formed the basis of his extensive collections and through him those gathered in the present volume. The work of Mr. Mason is now,

forty years after his death, beginning to be appreciated. He m. 1st, Elizabeth, dau. Jonathan Page (b. Nov. 26, 1790). She d. 2d (then living in Barnet) March 23, 1865, Maria (Meador) wid. of Peter M. Paul. He d. Groton, July 16, 1872; bur. in Groton Vil. cem.

Children:

- i. Jonathan George,⁵ b. March 24, 1822.
- ii. Archibald,⁵ b. Nov. 7, 1824; went away from Ryegate.
- iii. Nelson Carlisle,⁵ b. Feb. 23, 1829; d. Sutton, Vt., leaving a wife.

- 2 NELSON,⁴ (George,³ Wm.,² Wm.,¹) b. Paisley, Scot., March 19, 1810; he came to Am. and Ryegate 1826; attended school here, and was m. March 17, 1835, to Desire Emeline, dau. John Barnett.* "A curious incident in his life was the observance of the orthographical change by which his real name of Neilson Masson was abbreviated into Nelson Mason, through persistent omission of the silent letters. He found that constant effort at correction only ended in defeat and annoyance and submitted to the phonetic spelling as the lesser evil." They rem. to Ill., 1835, settling 1st at Grafton. He thoroughly explored the northern part of the state, buying land and securing more from the Government by patent; built the 1st frame house in Sterling, laid out the town, gave the place its name, and assisted in organizing Whiteside Co. He served as mayor of Sterling, and was president of one of the railroads centering there. Rem. to Chicago 1845, was extensively engaged in business there and was a ruling elder in the 3d Pres. ch. In politics a republican, thoroughly Scotch in characteristics—an American in the most loyal sense. He ever held an affectionate regard for the friends of his youth in Ryegate and Barnet. Mr. Mason d. May 7, 1893; she d. Jan. 26, 1897.

Children:

- i. Isabelle Annette,⁵ m. 1st, John A. Bross. Ch. (1) Cora,⁶ d. y. (2) Nelson Mason,⁶ m. Isabel Adams. Ch. John A. She m. 2d Azariah T. Galt. Ch. (3) Arthur T.,⁶ m. Ida M. Cook. (4) Victor,⁶ d. y.
- ii. Emily Jane,⁵ m. Zadoc Galt. Ch. (1) Guy Mason,⁶ d. y. (2) Paul T.,⁶ m. Mary L. Newcomer. Ch. Mason and Paul.
- iii. Ann,⁵ m. Joseph Curtis Bullock. Ch. (1) Carl C.,⁶ m. Alice S. Folsom. (2) Bertha,⁶ m. Wm. R. Folsom. (3) Geo. S.,⁶ d. y.
- iv. George,⁵ d. y.
- v. Julia,⁵ d. y.
- 3 CARLILE,⁴ (George,³ Wm.,² Wm.,¹) b. Paisley, May 17, 1817; m. 1839, Jean McArthur; served apprenticeship as blacksmith and machinist. At time of his mar. he was emp. in making and repairing weaving machinery. Came to Am. 1842, first finding employment as engineer on an Ill. river steamboat; came to Sterling 1843, and in 1844 to Chicago, working at his trade till 1852; about 1850 he was sent with his brother-in-law Henry Warrington, to Fond-du-lac, to install the machinery in the 2d steamer that ever sailed the lake. In 1852 he formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, John McArthur, opening a shop on West Randolph St., which developed into the Excelsior Iron Works, with which he was connected till his death. Police commissioner for Chicago four yrs; U. S. Inspector of steamboats, examining engineers, issuing licenses, etc., six years; rep. in Ill. legislature two terms. He was an Abolitionist and identified with Philo Carpenter and others in the "Underground Railroad." During the Civil war he was an active workman in the Sanitary Commission. Charter member of the 1st Cong. ch. of Chicago. He d. in Iowa, July 6, 1901; bur. in Chicago.

* John Barnett lived in Barnet; m. Jean Barbour; rem. to southern Illinois; d. and bur. at Grafton, Ill. Chil. (1) John, m. Jane ———; d. y. (2) Desire Emeline, m. Nelson Mason. (3) Ann Phelps m. Lot S. Pennington in Ill. (4) William Dinsmore, lived in Kansas. (5) Samuel R. Hall, m. Lucy Pierce. (6) Wealthy Arethusa, m. Albert S. Coe.

Children:

- i. George⁵ m. 1st, Ella Slocum. Ch. George,⁶ and Geraldine.⁶ 2d, Annie M. Lawrence.
- ii. James Albert,⁵ m. Louise Sherwin. Chil. (1) Marion,⁶ m. Clark Bennett. 1 ch. (2) George M.⁶ (3) Emma Jean,⁶ m. Frank Carroll.
- iii. Emma Jean,⁵ m. Truman W. Brophy. Ch. (1) Jean,⁶ m. Charles J. Barnes. 4 ch. (2) Florence,⁶ m. Wm. H. G. Logan. 1 dau. (3) Truman,⁶ m. Hazel Eckhart. 1 son. (4) Alberta.⁶

McALLISTER.

- I. JOHN, from the n. of Ireland of Scotch ancestry from Argyleshire. Settled in New Boston, N. H., 1748; rem. to Francestown.
- II. ARCHIBALD, b. Ireland, m. Mary McKeen; lived in New Boston, Frances-town, and Antrim; Rev. sol. 12 ch. of wh. Robert and three sisters settled in Newbury.
- III. ROBERT,¹ b. New Boston, N. H., Aug. 26, 1772; m. Sarah Stewart of Amherst; came to Newbury, 1806, and settled where the widow of L. W. McAllister lives, near Round Pond; farmer, carpenter and teacher both of day and singing schools, for 20 winters; precentor many yrs. in Pres. ch. at Topsham. He d. March 7, 1861. 7 ch. (See History of Newbury).
- IV. DAVID,² b. Antrim, N. H., Sept. 11, 1801; farmer in Newbury; m. Feb. 1, 1822, Elizabeth, dau. Samuel Tucker (b. March 30, 1801; d. Oct. 12, 1878). He d. Sept. 27, 1879; 6 ch.
- V. JOHN RENFREW,³ b. Newbury, Nov. 30, 1827; farmer and carpenter in N., rem. to So. R. 1870. He m. Nov. 28, 1850, Nancy Melissa, dau. Aaron Page, who was b. at Derry, N. H., Jan. 9, 1800; d. March 1873 and Hannah [Gilmore] his wife, b. Goffstown, N. H., March 7, 1804; d. Nov. 20, 1859. Mrs. McA. was b. Bedford, N. H., April 11, 1832. J. R. McAllister d. June 14, 1903.

Children:

- i. Ella Melissa,⁴ b. Clinton, Mass., June 22, 1851; m. Dec. 9, 1869, Abner J. Whitcher of Newbury. Ch. (1) Fred J.,⁵ b. June 29, 1870; res. in Cal.; musician. (2) Frank E.,⁵ b. May 6, 1872; d. March 13, 1907. (3) Edna Maud,⁵ b. Jan. 18, 1881; teacher. (4) Perley Henry,⁵ b. April 5, 1889.
- ii. Edgar Page,⁴ b. Newbury, Feb. 8, 1857; m. Nov. 26, 1878, Lucy H., dau. Granville Meader; carpenter and builder. He d. So. R., Jan. 26, 1883. Ch. Perley Edgar,⁵ b. So. R., Aug. 28, 1879. Chief clerk to Supt. Louisville & Nashville R. R., res. Montgomery, Ala.; m. June 8, 1909, Ruby Bernadette Horris.
- iii. Wilbur Albert,⁴ b. N., July 5, 1860; carpenter and cabinet maker. He m. Nov. 28, 1883, Nettie M. Carpenter; d. St. Johnsbury, Jan. 11, 1897.
- iv. Edna Betsey,⁴ b. N. June 23, 1863; m. Dec. 27, 1883, Wm. H. Goodfellow. Children all b. in R. (1) Emma Louisa,⁵ b. Dec. 22, 1884; m. Wm. H. Nelson, q. v. (2) Bertie M.,⁵ b. April 5, 1886. (3) Edna Melissa,⁵ b. March 18, 1889; m. Oct. 5, 1908, Martin Luther Jennings.
- v. William Olin,⁴ b. N. Feb. 16, 1866 edu. com. sch. N. and Ryegate, Newbury Seminary and Eastman's Bus. Coll., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Clerk for P. Gibson & Son, So. R., 1885-6; entered Merchants National Bank, Manchester, N. H., in which he is now teller; has held positions of trust in connection with fraternal, social and business associations; treasurer of the Music Festival Soc., the Calumet Club and the Manchester Shoe Mfg. Co., Mason, Knight Templar, and member of Knights of Pythias. He m. Jan. 26, 1901, Edith Dinwiddie Bulman (b. Oct. 27, 1874). Ch. (1) William Bulman,⁵ b. Nov. 17, 1901. (2) Jean,⁵ b. March 13, 1903. (3) Wilbur Gordon,⁵ b. May 10, 1906.

- vi. Hattie Maria,⁴ b. N. April 2, 1868.
- vii. Lora Belle,⁴ b. So. R., Jan. 8, 1876; m. Jan. 2, 1900, Rev. W. I. Todd of the M. E. ch. She d. Johnstown, Ohio, Dec. 2, 1901.

JOHN D.,⁴ (Samuel,³ David,² Robert,¹), b. Topsham, March 17, 1854; one of 9 chil., ed. common sch. and Bradford Acad.; came to So. Ryegate in March, 1881; in livery bus. 2 yrs., in meat bus. from 1883 alone or with R. J. White and others 14 years; has settled many estates and several insolvent ones; succeeded M. R. Gray in 1896, agent of Vt. Mutual Fire Ins. Co.; agent for Granite Mutual Ins. Co., of Barre, and Vt. Accident Ins. Co., of Rutland; ap. deputy sheriff 1882, still holding the office, has also held several town offices; is also auctioneer doing a large business. He m. Feb. 4, 1876, Lydia, only ch. of Nathan and Hnnnah [Richardson] Batchelder of Topsham. Members of 1st Pres. ch.

Children:

- i. Samuel Franklin,⁵ b. Oct. 8, 1876; ed. at Newbury Seminary and Waltham (Mass.) Horological Ins. Res. Woodsville, N. H., emp. by Doe Bros., as watchmaker and jeweler. He m. at Boston, Nov. 29, 1900, Letha Frances, dau. Martin and Augusta [Clark] Webster. Ch. (1) Jennette Euphemia,⁶ b. June 11, 1902; d. in inf. (2) Samuel Franklin,⁶ b. Sept. 16, 1907.
- ii. John D.,⁵ b. June 11, 1884; d. May 11, 1886.
- iii. John Alexander,⁵ b. March 7, 1889; with Doe Bros. at Woodsville 4 yrs., now clerk for B. L. Terry at So. Ryegate.

McARTHUR.

REV. JAMES H., eldest son of James and Eliza [Moore] McArthur, b. Rutland, Kane Co., Ill., Dec. 10, 1873. His parents were b. in Newton, Co. Derry, Ireland, of Scotch Covenanter stock. James Moore, a gr. gr. uncle of his mother was burned at the stake for refusing to recant his allegiance to the Protestant faith. James H., fitted for college at Elgin Acad., grad. Geneva Coll., Beaver Falls, Pa., 1895 with degree of B. A.; grad. Ref. Pres. Theo. Sem., Philadelphia 1898; two yrs. in missionary work on Pacific coast; pastor Ref. Pres. ch. at So. Ryegate, 1900-1905, in which he did good and faithful work, over 30 being received into the ch. Rem. in spring of 1905, to become pastor of the United Pres. congregation at Thompsonville, Ct., where he remains. He m. at Potsdam, N. Y., Aug. 7, 1902, Sadie A. Rutherford a graduate of the Potsdam Conservatory of Music.

Children: Esther Eliza, Helen Frances and Elizabeth, the two last dying in infancy.

McCOLL.

[This name was formerly spelled McCowel and some branches of the family spell it McCole.]

ALEXANDER,¹ McColl of Drymond, Stirlingshire, Scotland, m. 1st, Jean Thompson of Balfon. He never came to America, was twice m. and had several chil. of whom little is now known.

WILLIAM,² (Alexander,¹) b. Balfon 1763; lived in the parish of Drymond, Stirlingshire, Scotland; mason by trade; member of a Masonic lodge, and the Presbyterian ch. He m. Margaret Lackie of Craiggorm, in Drymond. She d. there 1826, and the family came to America in 1829; they were seven or eight weeks on the voyage, and came to Montreal, then to Burlington; they arrived there at the time of the great freshet in 1829, and Robert with his sister, Margaret, and niece, Mrs. Stevenson, walked to Peacham, as all the bridges were gone on the road.

John went later to Burlington, with a team, and moved the family and goods. He lived in old age with his son John, but died at his daughter's (Mrs. Liddle) March 17, 1857, aged 94.

Children:

- i. Alexander,³ b. Jan. 3, 1792; d. in Glasgow Infirmary, March 17, 1857; had one dau. who m. James Stevenson.
- 1 ii. Robert,³ b. Drymen, April 22, 1794.
- iii. Jean,³ (twin to Robert) m. James Liddle, q. v.
- iv. John,³ b. Feb. 6, 1797; m. in Scotland where his wife d. Settled in R. and bought a farm of Thos. Kennedy.
- 2 v. Janet,³ b. Dec. 27, 1799.
- 3 vi. William,³ b. May 15, 1802.
- vii. Margaret,³ (twin to William) m. April 28, 1835, Daniel Sillars.
- viii. Archibald,³ b. Dec. 20, 1805. Lived, m. and d. in Liverpool. Eng.

- 1 ROBERT,³ (Wm.,² Alexander,¹) b. April 22, 1794; m. in Scotland, June 18, 1821, Janet, dau. Robert and Jean (Buchanan) Kennedy, b. Feb. 2, 1801. Settled in Peacham, where he d. Nov. 27, 1879. He was a proficient performer on the bag pipe.

Children:

- i. William,⁴ b. Oxford St., Glasgow, May 1, 1822; d. Jan. 10, 1828.
- ii. Jane,⁴ b. York St., Glasgow, April 13, 1824; m. Loyd W. Pattridge; d. June 28, 1895 at Neponset, Ill. One dau. Carrie Jane,⁵ b. Feb. 2, 1881; m. Harry T. Duffy; res. Creston. Iowa. One son, Loyd [Pattridge], d. in early manhood.
- iii. Alexander,⁴ b. Glasgow, June 10, 1826; rem. to Nebraska, where he d. Feb. 13, 1884; twice m. Several ch.
- iv. William,⁴ b. Glasgow, Aug. 28, 1828; m. Louisa Gould; d. March 20, 1880. 9 ch.
- 4 v. John,⁴ b. Peacham, Vt., Jan. 8, 1832.

- 2 JANET,³ (William,² Alexander,¹) b. Scotland, Dec. 27, 1799. Came to America with parents; m. James Campbell. They went to Scotland in May, 1844, where he d. March 1851. She ret. with her chil. to America in July, 1852, and lived at Northfield, Vt., then at Gaysville, Vt. She d. May 27, 1880.

Children:

- i. Margaret,⁴ [Campbell] b. Ryegate, April 23, 1835; m. Dec. 11, 1861, Morgan E. Gay, s. of Daniel and Sally [Baker] Gay of Mass. He d. Feb. 16, 1899; she res. in So. Ryegate.
- ii. Agnes,⁴ b. Barnet, June 13, 1837.
- iii. Archie,⁴ b. Barnet, Feb., 1841.
- iv. Janet,⁴ b. Scotland, 1848.
- 3 WILLIAM,³ (Wm.,² Alexander,¹) b. May 15, 1802; came with his father to Barnet, and m. 1830, Margaret, dau. Alexander Buchanan of Barnet (b. Jan. 18, 1813; d.

Children:

- i. Alexander,⁴ b. Jan. 18, 1831; m. Nov. 20, 1856, Mary Ann Pollard, and had daus., Julia M.,⁵ and Margaret H.,⁵ and two others.
- ii. John,⁴ b. June 24, 1832; went to Cal. while young; ret. to R. and m. Jan. 19, 1860, Jane, dau. Wm. and Christian Gibson (b. Jan. 27, 1831.) Settled on the Peter Kennedy farm in Barnet, but went back to Cal., where his w. d. 1879, leaving two daus. and a son, an older son having died. He m. again and d. in Cal., leaving a 3d dau., Eva Beulah. His chil. settled in Cal.
- iii. William,⁴ b. May 24, 1834; went to Cal., was there some years. On his return they were becalmed several weeks in mid-ocean. He was broken in health, and soon d. Nov. 27, 1873.
- iv. Martha,⁴ b. July 12, 1836; m. Solomon Chamberlin, q. v.
- v. James,⁴ b. July 26, 1838; went to Cal., worked in the mines and mills till d. at ab. forty.

- vi. Archibald,⁴ b. Dec. 28, 1840; served in the Union army in Co. H, 4th Vt., d. at Harper's Ferry; was thought to have been poisoned.
 - vii. Henry,⁴ b. Dec. 26, 1842; served in the Union army, in Co. H, 4th Vt., through the war; prom. Corporal Nov. 12, 1862; wounded at the Wilderness in the liver, the wound not being dressed for eight days. His pocket Bible was found on the battlefield by a Mr. Stevens of St. Paul and returned to him after 41 yrs. He m. Corilla, dau. Hugh K., and Sarah [Whitehill] Moore of R. Three ch., all d. One dau., Carrie, m. Edward White. Ch. (1) Harry H.,⁵ [White] now in Amherst Coll. (2) Everett E.,⁵ now in Peabody, [Mass.] High School. Town rep. 1878, and held other offices.
 - viii. Robert,⁴ b. Dec. 27, 1844; served in the Union army in Co. A, 11th Vt., and d. as so many did soon after reaching home.
 - ix. Margaret Jane,⁴ b. May 6, 1848; m. Horace H. Duncan of Monroe, N. H., and res. there. One son, Robert, in electric light bus. Portland, Me., and a dau., Martha, who m. a lawyer named English, and went to Chicago.
 - x. Agnes Janet,⁴ b. April 21, 1850; m. W. H. Lynds of Lowell, Mass. Ch. Jane Letitia,⁵ and Margaret Eliza,⁵ who are m. and Helen,⁵ who d. in her 3d year.
- 4 JOHN,³ (Wm.,² Alexander,¹) b. Peacham, Vt., Jan. 8, 1832; went to Davenport, Iowa, while a young man; ret. to Vt.; m. in R. May 25, 1858, Lois Maria, dau. Wm. Renfrew; settled in Iowa; she ret. to Vt., in failing health; he was in Colorado some years, mining, but ret. to Vt., 1871 and settled on the Wm. Renfrew farm where he was very successful; d. Jan. 28, 1892; she d. Feb. 23, 1904. She was a member of the 1st Pres. ch., So. R.

Children:

- i. Frank Renfrew,⁴ b. Davenport, Iowa, Feb. 20, 1859; farmer on homestead; has been lister, and school director. Supr. of 1st Pres. S. S., and Session Clerk. He m. by Rev. W. S. Wallace Nov. 10, 1904, Martha J., dau. A. H. Park. Ch. John Franklin,⁵ b. July 27, 1906.
- ii. Bertha Jane,⁴ b. Corinth, Vt., Dec. 21, 1865; m. John M. Morrison q. v.
- iii. Blanche Janet,⁴ b. Peacham, Vt., May 4, 1870; m. April 26, 1905; Burton L. Gardner of Newbury.
- iv. Lois Maria,⁴ b. Ryegate, Nov. 13, 1872; m. April 24, 1894, Moses B. Brown; d. Aug. 23, 1894.
- v. Ernest Nelson,⁴ b. Jan. 1, 1875; fitted for college at Peacham Acad., grad. Vt. Univ. 1901; is now connected with the Bureau of Highways, Brooklyn, N. Y.; connected with Pres. ch. and with the Y. M. C. A. in Brooklyn. He m. at Marshfield, Vt., Sept. 21, 1910, by Rev. E. R. Currier, Goldie Maude, dau. Coridon D. Smith.

MCDONALD.

This family seems to have been quite prominent in early days, but has long been extinct here. These records by Mr. Mason, with additions by Mr. Miller are given here for their preservation.

ALEXANDER McDonald, b. 1758 in the Scottish Highlands, came to Am. and Ryegate 1790, with Judge John Cameron, who is said by Mason to have been his half brother. He was a farmer, also bought live stock for Mr. Cameron and was the first person to sell goods in Ryegate. He m. 1796, Agnes, dau. John Ross of Barnet; they lived on and owned the farms owned later by Wm. Hunter and Amos Abbott. Alexander McDonald was taken sick in a tavern at No. Hatley, Que., and d. in a few minutes. She d. in R. 1856.

Children:

- i. Janet,² b. April 27, 1797; m. John Stewart.
- ii. Donald,² b. Dec. 10, 1799.

- iii. Duncan,² b. May 1, 1802; never m.
 - iv. Hugh,² b. Jan. 20, 1804; not m. in 1860.
 - v. Effie,² b. Nov. 1, 1805; m. Jacob Parker.
 - vi. John,² b. Nov. 8, 1807; d. in Boston.
 - vii. Archibald,² b. Oct. 29, 1809; went to Wisconsin.
 - viii. Alexander,² b. April 6, 1812; m. Elizabeth Judkins.
- 1 DONALD,² (Alexander,¹) b. Dec. 10, 1799; m. Agnes, dau. James Thomas (b. Ryegate, Aug. 26, 1800,) Rem. to Peacham, where he d. 1887.
- Children:
- i. Wm. Alexander,³ b. Dec. 19, 1826.
 - ii. Jerry Orange,³ b. Oct. 21, 1829.
 - iii. Cynthia Ann,³ b. Sept. 23, 1831,
 - iv. Eliza Ann,³ b. Nov. 29, 1835.

MCDONALD.

MURDO F. ¹ son of Farquhar and Hannah (McLeod) b. Geashader, Parish of Uig, Island of Lewis, Scotland, Dec. 14, 1849. (His parents both d. in the parish of Uig and their chil. in order of birth were, Angus, Annie, Murdo F., Effie, John, Hannah and Henrietta, all living but Annie, and all in Scotland but Murdo F. The elder McDonald spent 7 yrs. with the Hudson Bay Co., in the fur trade while a young man and un-m.) Ed. in district schools supported by subscription before the establishment of government schools; followed both ling and herring fishery; served during the drilling season of five years on a man of war ship in the coast guard; three years on the police force, Glasgow. Came to Canada 1870 and to St. Johnsbury same year, and began cutting stone for Peter Laird, who organized the St. Johnsbury Granite Co., composed of P. & R. W. Laird and Hiram Moody; came to So. Ryegate, May 20, 1873 to take charge of their branch shop, and to look after the quarry, and shipping rough stock, which was in that spring hauled by four pairs of oxen from the mountain down by the Martin L. Hall place and No. 3 schoolhouse, and the Henderson, now Fisk place, and loading without a derrick. They were the 1st in the state to use granite polishing machines. In 1876 the St. J. Co. discontinued their branch shop and he has conducted the business since. He m. 1st. at Newbury, Jan. 13, 1875 by Rev. S. L. Bates, Sarah Isabel, dau. Walter Arthur (b. Ryegate, Feb. 16, 1854; d. Mary Fletcher Hospital, Burlington, July 12, 1894; bur. So. Ryegate.) No chil., but adopted Rubie Nena, dau. Mr. and Mrs. Coffin of Barre. She res. in Boston. He m. 2d Feb. 6, 1896, by Rev. S. A. Jackson, assisted by Rev. S. P. Brownell, Mrs. Annie, widow of John Smith and dau. of Angus and Margaret (McRitchie) McLean.

Children: George K., b. March 22, 1897. Mrs McDonald has by a former marriage the following children:

- i. William F. [Smith] b. 1885; res. So. R.; in stone shed as tool sharpener and stone cutter.
- ii. Gordon A., [Smith] b. 1887; clerk 2 yrs. for Wm. Terry; bookkeeper and salesman for C. H. Mose & Co., Barre; now with Geo. L. Moore Gro. Co., Canandaigua, N. Y.
- iii. Angus H. L. [Smith] b. 1889; student at Jefferson Medical Coll., Philadelphia.
- iv. Alexander J. [Smith] b. 1871; clerk in Terry's store, also A. T. Gay's; then at Albany Bus. Coll.; 2 yrs. bookkeeper for Osgood Granite Co., now with M. F. McDonald in granite bus.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonald are members, as was also his 1st w. of the United Pres. ch., in which he has been many years an elder. This is most nearly like the Free Church of Scotland in which he was reared.

MCDOWELL.

REV. WM. JOHN, son of Henry McDowell b. near Belfast, Ireland, about 1825; studied in the Belfast Academical Ins., and rec. his theological training under Rev. Dr. Andrew Symington of Paisley, Scotland. Came with his father's family to Canada in 1845; preached in South Gower, Canada, and ordained there Jan. 8, 1846, by the Kingston Presbytery in connection with the Presbyterian ch. of Canada. In Feb., 1851, he came to the States to collect funds to erect a church at Kemptville, Canada, which was done, also two log churches in the frontier towns of Mountain and Oxford, Ont. In 1856, he rem. with his family to the States and connected himself with the Ref. Pres. ch. in which he had been reared in Ireland. Pastor of the Ref. Pres. congregation at Lisbon, N. Y., 1857-'63; Ref. Pres. congregation at South Ryegate, ins. June 17, 1863; res. 1873 and ins. Oct. 21st, pastor of the 2d Ref. Pres. congregation, Brooklyn, N. Y. Then he raised funds to build a church which was dedicated in Nov., 1876. On Aug. 31, 1878 his father d. at the great age of 101 yrs. In May, 1886, having been for some time in charge of a mission chapel connected with the Fourth Pres. ch. in N. Y. City, he left the communion of the Ref. Pres. ch., and connected himself with the Presbytery of New York. Ret. from active service Jan. 1, 1891. He d. suddenly at Plainfield, N. J., July 22, 1895, and bur. at So. Ryegate. He m. Sept. 4, 1851, Sarah E. Moore, a member of his congregation at Gower, Ont. While living at So. Ryegate, diphtheria broke out in his home in April, 1865, and swept through the town, and in the short time of 19 days three of their chil. died, which was followed in June by the death of two infant daus. Mrs. McDowell survived her husband 12 yrs., an invalid most of the time, living with her children in Brooklyn; she d. Dec. 11, 1907; bur. at So. Ryegate.

SAMUEL H.,² (W. J.,¹) b. Kemptville, Ont.; came to Ryegate with parents; attended Newbury Seminary two and one-half school yrs. In employ of E. & T. Fairbanks & Co., St. Johnsbury, 1865-'73; ent. Packard Bus. Coll., Brooklyn, N. Y., grad. there; connected five yrs. with Manufacturers National Bank, Brooklyn; is now paying teller of the Bowery Nat. Bank, N. Y. City. Member and ruling elder in Rose St. Pres. ch., Brooklyn, and Asst. Supt. of Sunday school; member and at one time president of the Eastern Dist., S. S. Association, and now one of the managers of the Brooklyn Sunday School Union. He m. 1882, Marion J., dau. Prof. Geo. L. A. Martin, principal of one of the Brooklyn public schools. Chil. Marjorie, May, Helen Martin, and Wm. John.

McFARLAND.

ROBERT McFarland and Jane his wife and children, John, Duncan, Robert, Donald, and Jean who m. John Gray of Ryegate, came from Buchanan parish, Scotland to America and Barnet, in 1775. They settled on the farm occupied in 1860 by the widow of Wm. Aiken, where both died. She is bur. in Old Scotch cemetery, Ryegate. This record is entirely by Mr. Mason. Robert and Donald went to Canada and d. there; John d. in Ryegate. Duncan worked some years for his brother-in-law, John Gray, and died suddenly in a tavern, while he and Mr. Gray were on their way to Boston with loads of produce; bur. in Old Scotch cemetery with his mother.

JOHN,² (Robert,¹) m. 1781 in Ryegate, by Rev. Peter Powers of Newbury to Rachel Bailey of Peacham. He d. Oct. 6, 1806, aged 61, on the home farm where he lived.

Children:

i. James,³ b. 1782; m. Sarah Flaggy; went west.

- 1 ii. John,³ b. 1783; m. Ruth Fuller.
- iii. Anna,³ b. March 2, 1785; m. Cyrus Bailey.
- iv. Elizabeth,³ b. 1787.
- v. Robert,³ b. Feb. 1790; went west.
- 1 JOHN,³ (John,² Robert,¹) m. Ruth Fuller of Barnet, who was brought from Scotland by Alexander Stewart in 1809.
- Children:
 - i. Phebe,⁴ b. 1811; m. in 1857, Calvin Aiken.
 - ii. William,⁴ b. 1813.
 - iii. Robert,⁴ b. 1816.
 - iv. John,⁴ b. 1820; d. y.
 - v. Henry,⁴ b. 1823; went to California.

McKEITH.

"Duncan McKeith informs his son Thomas hereby, that the lots which his father subscribed for are payed and that all his father's family are in health, also that his brother George has now been at the College of Glasgow and gives great promise of his learning.

DAVID ALLAN to JAMES WHITELOW, Renfrew.

Aug. 10, 1781."

In the Bond of Association, Duncan McKeith is given as a "Fladresser at Gateside, Parish of Inchinnan." His son Thomas b. Oct. 14, 1756; came to Ryegate, 1775; served in the Revolutionary war; rem. about 1783, and became one of the first settlers of Topsham, clearing a farm on what is now called Currier Hill. Covenanter and elder in the Ref. Pres. ch. at Topsham. He was a man of great worth of character, and was called Dea. McKeith. He m. 1778, Sarah, dau. John Haseltine of Newbury (b. Haverhill, Mass., Oct. 19, 1757; d. Topsham, Jan. 12, 1825.) He d. May 17, 1823; buried on Currier Hill. He built 1813, a house, which was burned Jan. 28, 1911.

Children:

- i. Pearl,² or Margaret, b. Ryegate, Nov. 30, 1779; m. May 8, 1800, Joseph Rogers of Topsham.
- ii. Sarah,² b. Ryegate, Sept. 6, 1781; d. Topsham, June 13, 1810.
- iii. Mary,² b. Topsham (the 1st ch. b. there) Oct. 1, 1783; m. April 24, 1800, Caleb Wilson. Their dau. Mary m. Walter Miller Brock, q. v.
- iv. Betsey,² b. April 16, 1786; m. Moses Wallace; descendants have lived in Ryegate.
- v. Catherine,² b. April 5, 1788; m. Peter Martin of Newbury; d. Piermont, N. H., April 24, 1871. Dea. John D. Martin, who d. at Haverhill, N. H., Jan. 9, 1910, was their son.
- vi. Duncan,² b. March 9, 1790; d. Aug. 29, 1864, Newbury; m. 1st, Mary Page of Corinth. Duncan M. Corliss, who m. a dau. of Edward Miller, was his gr. son.
- vii. Thomas,² b. June 21, 1795; d. Peacham, May 31, 1827; physician.
- viii. John,² b. Dec, 28, 1797; d. July 31, 1817.

McKINLEY.

JAMES¹ b. Paisley, Scotland, 1755; silk weaver by trade; came to America, 1792, landing in Boston, where he remained several years; in Ryegate one season, then went to Chester, N. H., where he m. Jenney McDuffie (b. 1765; d. 1855). She was a descendant of John McDuffie who went from Scotland to Ireland in 1613, and of his son John and "Matchless Martha," his wife, so famous in the siege of Londonderry, 1689.

"James McKinley was of slender frame and delicate constitution, yet he endured the toil of a new country for 47 years. A quiet man, not given to political or religious controversy, but a steadfast member of the church. His wife was robust and renowned for her exploits in spin-

ning and weaving. There was 10 years between their death, both living to be 90 yrs. of age. His father was one of the Scotch Co., he had his land, still owned in the family, south of the Corner."—MASON.

Children: The 1st b. in Chester, N. H., the others in R.

- i. James,² b. May 4, 1794; m. Lois Carter.
- ii. John,² b. May 15, 1795; d. 1816.
- iii. Hugh,² b. Oct. 5, 1796; m. Esther Gilchrist.
- iv. Dan,² b. Nov. 17, 1797; d. in infancy.
- 1 v. William,² b. Feb. 17, 1799.
- vi. Lois,² b. May 12, 1800; d. in infancy.
- vii. Agnes,² b. April 16, 1801; m. Noah Doe, q. v.
- viii. Jean,² b. Oct. 22, 1802; d. y.
- ix. Robert,² b. Sept. 4, 1804.
- x. Margaret,² b. Oct. 8, 1806.
- xi. Thomas,² b. July 26, 1808; d. June 12, 1894; m. Joanna Mills who d. March 10, 1881; bur. in Walter Harvey cemetery.
- 1 WILLIAM,² b. Feb. 17, 1799; farmer on homestead. He m. Jan. 13, 1842, Jean, dau. William Orr (b. Nov. 2, 1809; d.). He d.
 - i. Margaret,³ b. Nov. 19, 1842.
 - ii. William,³ b. July 11, 1844; farmer on homestead; m. Ch (1) Jennie,⁴ m. Jesse Alger; lives in Newbury. Several children. (2) William P.,⁴ b. 1881; on homestead; m. Jan. 26, 1911, Ruth Ellen Morrill. Ch. Rubin Florence, d. in inf.
 - iii. Jane,³ b. May 16, 1846; m. Feb. 16, 1867, Frank Lambert of Ballou, Ont.
 - iv. Elizabeth,³ b. July 13, 1848; killed by lightning Aug. 1, 1857.
 - v. Mary,³ b. March 31, 1851.
 - vi. John,³ b. April 15, 1854.

MCKIRAHAN.

REV. JOSEPH A., b. Belmont Co., Ohio, the 11th of twelve chil., and the 8th of nine sons of John and Eliza [Porterfield] McKirahan. John McK., and his bro. Thomas m. sisters, Eliza and Jane Porterfield; both reared large families, each furnishing five soldiers for the Union army in the Civil war. John and Eliza McKirahan were m. in 1830 and lived together 64 yrs., both having completed 88 yrs. of age at time of deaths. Three of their sons became ministers—Wm., now Principal of Norfolk Mission College, a mission school for the Freedmen maintained by the United Pres. ch., M. F., Chaplain of the Kansas State Reform School for Boys, and Joseph A. The latter was reared on a farm, educated at Geneva and Monmouth Colleges, graduating from the latter 1877, and took his theological course at Xenia (O.) Theo. Sem. Principal of Frankfort Acad., Frankfort Springs, Pa; of Lincoln Coll., Greenwood, Mo., and of Gannett Normal Ins., Gannett, Kansas. Ord. 1889 by the Pres. of Gannett. Pastor at Emporia, Kan., Sioux City, Iowa, and Cincinnati, O., building up new congregations in the two last mentioned cities. Came to Ryegate, 1905. Ins. pastor of United Pres. ch. at Ryegate Corner, Jan. 1906.

McLAM.

This name was formerly spelled Mucklewham, and later Macklam, the present spelling being adopted about 50 yrs. ago. William Macklam of Kilmarnock, Dunbartonshire, Scotland, m. Margaret Wilson of Strathblane. Their son John,¹ b. 1780, a farmer, m. in 1802, Catherine Liddle of Strathblane at Glasgow, by Rev. Mr. Banks. They came to America in 1832 with their 11 chil., landing in New York. They came to Barnet, lived in Peacham one year, then bought the James Moore farm in Ryegate, north of Blue mountain which is now a pasture.

John McLam and wife were received to the Ref. Pres. ch. in Ryegate, June 12, 1834, by certificate from the Relief ch. in Scotland; he was soon chosen an elder, an office held by several of his descendants. He d. Oct. 18, 1860; she d. July 13, 1876, in her 99th year; bur. in Walter Harvey cem. They had 62 gr. children. A reunion of the descendants of John McLam has been for a few years, a notable annual event in Ryegate, and has been strongly influential in promoting the family, and drawing its members together.

Children all born in Scotland.

- 1 i. William,² b. Dec. 17, 1802.
- 2 ii. Andrew,² b. Dec. 2, 1804; d. Jan. 1, 1869; m. Jane Russell.
- 3 iii. John,² b. Jan. 12, 1807.
- 4 iv. James,² b. Nov. 12, 1809.
- v. Jane,² b. Oct. 12, 1811; d. Peacham, Feb. 10, 1895; m. Wm. Young; they joined the Associate ch. in Barnet, 1832.
- vi. Margaret,² b. Nov. 13, 1813; m. James,³ (John,² James,¹) Whitehill, q. v.
- vii. Catherine,² b. Nov. 2, 1815; m. Wm. Hunter, q. v.
- viii. Ann,² b. April 9, 1818; m. William,³ (John,² James,¹) Whitehill.
- ix. Robert,² b. March 27, 1820; served in Co. G. 6th Vt., in the Civil war; m. 1st, Mary Ann, dau. John Holmes; she d. Feb. 19, 1889, aged 72. 2d, widow of David Caldwell, who d. May 18, 1896. He d. Ryegate, Feb. 11, 1895.
- 5 x. Walter,² b. May 23, 1821.
- 6 xi. Alexander,² b. July 29, 1824.

- 1 WILLIAM,² (John,¹) b. Dec. 17, 1802; came to America with parents; farmer and with most of his family, Covenanters. He m. Nov. 21, 1839, by Rev. Wm. Pringle. Janet, dau. Theophilus McLure (b. Oct. 8, 1808; d. Jan. 20, 1887). He d. Jan. 3, 1887, aged 84 years.

Children:

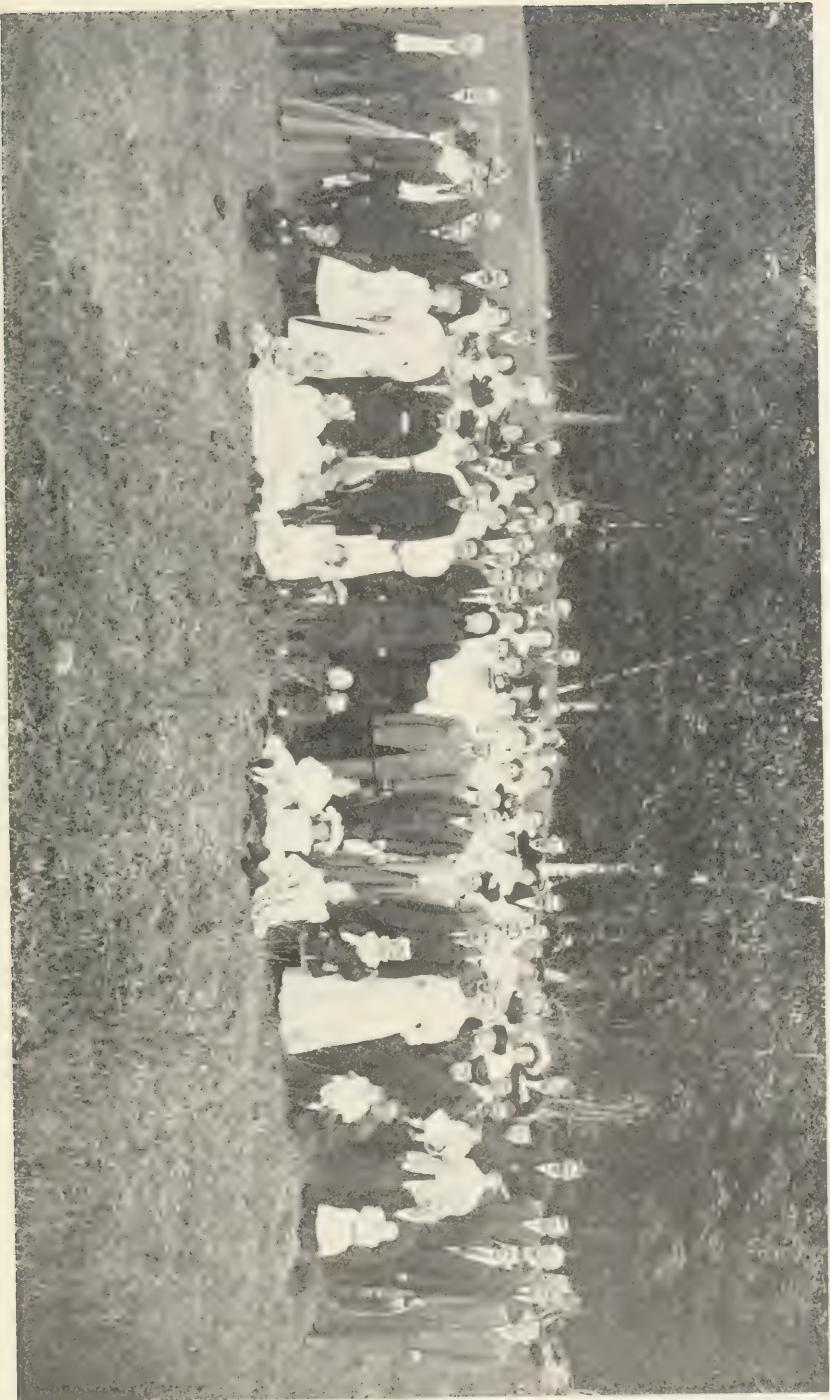
- i. John Theophilus,³ b. Jan. 14, 1841; d. Sept. 8, 1844.
- ii. Infant son,³ b. Nov. 17, 1842.
- iii. Jannett Irene,³ b. Jan. 5, 1844; d. June 30, 1864.
- iv. Martha J.,³ b. Oct. 6, 1845; d. June 5, 1863.
- 7 v. William T.,³ b. Nov. 19, 1847.
- vi. James Beattie,³ b. June 10, 1849; d. May 30, 1874.
- vii. Thomas Smith,³ b. March 29, 1851; d. Sept. 5, 1898.
- 2 ANDREW,² (John,¹) b. Scotland, Dec. 2, 1804; m. Jane Russell (b. Scotland, Jan. 26, 1813). Lived with his father—then on the James Smith farm, in Topsham. He d. at the home of his bro. James, Jan. 13, 1869; she d. Feb. 26, 1863; bur. Walter Harvey cem.

Children:

- i. John,³ b. Feb. 13, 1833; d. Dec. 7, 1855.
- ii. James,³ served in the Union army; d. Bradford, Vt.
- iii. Andrew,³ m. Eliza Ward; res. Charlestown, Mass. Deacon in a Covenanter church.
- 3 JOHN,² (John,¹) b. Jan. 12, 1807; m. March 9, 1837 by Rev. James Milligan Mary, dau. Theophilus McLure (b. May 27, 1811; d. May 21, 1897.) They were members of the Ref. Pres. congregation at Ryegate until the organization of the Barnet congregation. He d. Feb. 8, 1882; bur. at Ryegate Corner.

Children:

- i. Elizabeth Catherine,³ b. Dec. 12, 1837; m. Archibald Whitehill, q. v.
- ii. James Milligan,³ b. Oct. 13, 1839; ed. at McIndoes Acad. Went to Cal. in 1861, via the Isthmus of Panama; mining and teaching; had a fine literary taste, especially for poetry and some of his unpublished work is preserved. He d. San Jose, Cal., April 6, 1866, and bur. at Center-ville. He was the last child bapt. in R. by Rev. James Milligan.
- 8 iii. John Knox,³ b. June 16, 1842.



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- iv. Robert Gilbert³ b. Aug. 4, 1844; ed. McIndoes Acad. In store of Mr. Dutton at McIndoe Falls some time; enlisted in U. S. Navy, Jan. 11, 1864; d. at Naval Hospital, Chelsea, Mass., of inflammation of the brain, Feb. 3, 1864; bur. in Naval cemetery, Chelsea.
- 9 v. Walter T.,³ b. Sept. 6, 1846.
- vi. Andrew Jackson,³ b. April 9, 1848; rem. to Cal., res. in different parts of the state; res. for many years at Los Angeles, where he runs a livery and sales stable. He m. Nov. 16, 1848, Ella J. Cross. Ch. Leonora,⁴ who grad. at the Normal School and is a teacher in the schools at Los Angeles.
- 10 vii. Alexander W.,³ b. Feb. 18, 1850.
- viii. Mary Ann Sophronia,³ b. March 23, 1852; d. July 28, 1873; m. Robert H. Gates, q. v.
- ix. Margaret Jane,³ b. March 27, 1855; m. at St. Johnsbury, Sept. 7, 1881, by Rev. W. R. Laird, Fred Munroe Walker of Lempster, N. H. Res. since July, 1883, Somerville, Mass. He d. Dec. 31, 1900. Ch. (1) Ruth Marguerite,⁴ b. Oct. 7, 1893. (2) Elsie Gordon,⁴ b. June 17, 1896.
- x. Jennette Sophia,³ b. Jan. 8, 1858; m. March 9, 1882, Osmand B. Hull of Ackworth, N. H. Went west in 1890; lived in several states. Were in San Francisco during the earthquake and fire of 1906, losing nearly all their property; have since res. in Los Angeles. Ch. (1) Arthur Leroy,⁴ b. Jan. 1883; d. 1884. (2) Nettie Irene,⁴ b. Nov. 25, 1884.
- 4 JAMES,² (John,¹) b. Scotland, Nov. 12, 1809. He m. Agnes, dau. Archibald Leitch (b. 1816; d. Jan. 26, 1874). He d. Dec. 10, 1882; bur. in Walter Harvey cem. They were members of Ref. Pres. ch. in which he was ord. elder, Nov. 25, 1857.
 - Children:
 - i. Mary Jane,³ b. Aug. 28, 1837; m. William B.,³ (William,² William,¹) Gibson, q. v.
 - ii. Isabel³ b. May 24, 1839; m. James M. Doe, q. v.
 - 11 iii. James R.,³ b. Nov. 24, 1841.
 - iv. Elizabeth,³ b. May 2, 1844; d. Nov. 18, 1852.
 - 12 v. Joseph B.,³ b. Jan. 13, 1849.
 - 13 vi. John A.,³ b. March 10, 1852.
 - vii. Agnes L.,³ (twin to John A.,) d. Jan. 14, 1873.
 - viii. Sarah E.,³ b. May 9, 1854; m. Fred H. White, q. v.
 - ix. Margaret L.,³ b. Oct. 1, 1858; m. Charles E. Taplin, q. v.
- 5 WALTER,² (John,¹) b. Scotland, May 23, 1821; came to America with parents; m. by Rev. J. M. Beattie March 4, 1847, Caroline M. Covell (b. in Vt., Nov. 12, 1824). They went to Michigan, 1857; res. Palouse, Wash., where he died.
 - Children:
 - i. John A.,³ b. Jan. 22, 1848; d. Jan. 22, 1869.
 - ii. Emiline,³ b. Dec. 6; d. Dec. 10, 1849.
 - ii. Eveline,³ b. Dec. 6, 1849; m. Dec. 20, 1884, Abraham Harvey. No children.
 - iii. Eleanor Sophronia,³ b. Nov. 12, 1850; d. Dec. 6, 1852.
 - iv. Franklin C.,³ b. March 14, 1854; res. Palouse, Wash., real estate owner and candidate for state senator 1896 on the silver Republican ticket, being defeated by six votes; now in postal service. He m. Sept. 12, 1877, Phoebe A. Williams. Ch. (1) Ward W.,⁴ m. Sept. 6, 1900, Minnie Cox. Ch. Lloyd, Alva, Leveta. (2) Walter C.⁴ (3) Leonard C.⁴
 - v. Walter F.,³ b. June 4, 1856; d. Oct. 31, 1879.
 - vi. Eleanor J.,³ b. April 16, 1859; m. March 22, 1885, A. W. Little. Ch. Andrew (dea.,) Frank. Blanche.
 - vii. Ruby A.,³ b. Sept. 12, 1862; m. Jan. 8, 1880, J. W. Lazell. Ch. Curtis, Glen, Hazel.
 - viii. Dency V.,³ b. April 16, 1864; d. May 7, 1870.

- 6 ALEXANDER,² (John,¹) b. Glasgow, Scotland, July 29, 1825; came to America with parents, rem. 1845, to Ontario, and settled at Scarboro, near Toronto, removing to Kincardine, 1869. He m. Nov. 2, 1848, at Dundas, Ont., by Rev. Andrew Bell, Jane Armstrong (b. Ancaster, Ont., June 25, 1827; d. Kincardine, Ont., Jan. 4, 1901.) In 1905 he went to live with his youngest dau. at Mineota, Manitoba, where he d. April 1, 1911.

Children:

- i. Mary Jane,³ b. Sept. 1, 1849; m. March 21, 1871 at Carrollton, Ill., James Mungall (b. Falkirk, Scot.,) and res. there. Ch. Harry,⁴ (dea.) Jennie,⁴ William,⁴ James,⁴ Jessie,⁴ Robert,⁴ and Collville. They have 8 gr. chil.
 - ii. Catherine,³ b. Galt, Ont., Nov. 11, 1851; m. at Unexter, Aug. 15, 1868, John G. Tremaine, who d. Listowell, Oct. 21, 1882; rem. to Detroit, Mich., and res. there. Ch. Emerson,⁴ Lizzie,⁴ (Mrs. Hume) Adam,⁴ (dea.) Myrtle,⁴ (Mrs. Pell) and Florence,⁴ (Mrs. Burns.)
 - iii. Adam,³ b. Galt, Ont., Jan. 18, 1854; d. Kincardine, Jan. 24, 1871.
 - iv. John,³ b. St. Jacobs, Ont., Dec. 26, 1855; m. 1st, at Palmerston, Ont., Aug. 4, 1873, Elizabeth Ann Kettlewell, who d. at Kincardine, Sept. 24, 1897. He m. 2d, 1899, Minnie Amey, half-sister of 1st w. Res. Kincardine, Ont. Ch. by 1st m. Maggie,⁴ William,⁴ George,⁴ Mary,⁴ Austin,⁴ Wrennie Ernest,⁴ Merle,⁴ Thomas,⁴ (dea.), Benton,⁴ (dea.) By 2d m. Lloyd.⁴
 - v. Ellen,³ b. Galt, Ont., Dec. 21, 1858; m. at Kincardine, Jan. 3, 1890, Dan Norman of K., where they res. 1 dau., Clara.⁴
 - vi. Jennet,³ b. Galt, April 1, 1861; m. at Kincardine, Feb. 1, 1887, John Long; res. Brussels, Ont. Ch. Willis,⁴ and Winnie,⁴ living; Vernie.⁴ (dea.)
 - vii. Frank A.,³ b. Waterloo, Ont., Dec. 4, 1862; m. at Buffalo, May, 1870, Sarah Brummer, who d. He m. 2d, Annie Ferris; res. Ripley, Ont. No children.
 - viii. William G.,³ b. Maryborough, Ont., Feb. 15, 1866; m. at Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 1897, Susie Johns of Huntsville, Ont.; d. Buffalo, Feb. 21, 1903; bur. Kincardine, where his widow and chil., George,⁴ Cecil,⁴ and Alvin,⁴ res.
 - ix. Lydia,³ b. Maryborough, March 1, 1869; m. Oct. 14, 1905, at Winnipeg, Thomas Conway of Miniota, Manitoba. Ch. Myrtle Riella.⁴
- 7 WILLIAM THEOPHILUS,³ (Wm.,² John,¹) b. Nov. 19, 1847; in Cal. one winter; farmer on homestead 1882-'98; in the latter year with his bro. Thomas he bought the Waterman Wright farm, known as Fair View; has held all town offices and was town representative in 1900. He m. by Rev. Wm. Bruce, Jan. 7, 1869, Ella Letitia, dau. Wm. F. Gibson (b. Jan. 7, 1851). Members with all their chil. of Un. Pres. ch. of which he is session clerk.

Children:

- i. Anna Belle,⁴ b. Aug. 18, 1870; grad. St. Johnsbury Acad., 1894; teacher there till m. Sept. 27, 1899, Lawrence Preston Leach, merchant at St. Johnsbury (b. Raynham, Mass., son of James and Susan Leach). Members of No. Cong. ch. St. J.
- ii. Nellie May,⁴ b. Sept. 18, 1874; grad. St. J. Acad. 1896; teacher in St. J. one year; milliner; m. Jan. 7, 1909, Royden Winthrop Cheney (b. Glover, Vt., son of R. H. and Nellie [Burroughs] Cheney; grad. Harvard Univ., 1901; assistant manager Mutual Life Ins. Co., N. H., and Vt.). Res. Manchester, N. H.
- iii. William Lloyd,⁴ b. May 16, 1877; attended St. J. Acad. 2 yrs.; m. Oct. 15, 1902, Jessie Margaret, dau. John Davidson (b. Topsham). Res. Calgary, Alta. Ch. (1) Dorothy Ella,⁵ b. St. Johnsbury, Sept. 23, 1903; d. Post Grad. Hospital, N. Y., Oct. 18, 1908. (2) Jessie Margaret,⁵ b. July 6, 1907; d. same day.
- iv. Carlotta Pearl,⁴ b. April 30, 1882; d. Oct. 23, 1905.

- v. Olive Joy,⁴ b. Feb. 7, 1884; grad. St. J. Acad.
- vi. Grace Ruth,⁴ b. Feb. 21, 1887; grad. Smith College. 1910.
- vii. Julian Dales,⁴ b. Nov. 16, 1889; grad. St. Johnsbury Acad., 1907; Dartmouth College, 1911.

- 8 JOHN KNOX,³ (John,² John,¹) b. June 16, 1842; res. in Concord, N. H., now in Douglas, Kansas, since 1879; mem. of Ref. Pres. ch., Ryegate. He m. 1st, at Wells River, Dec. 24, 1864, Mary Jane Clark, who d.

Children:

- i. Charles Eugene,⁴ b. Oct. 15, 1865; res. Concord, N. H.; blacksmith in B. and M. car shops. He m. Nov. 7, 1889, by Rev. Chas. W. Bradley, Carrie Bell Thompson (b. June 10, 1870). Ch. (1) Pliny Eugene,⁵ b. Sept. 21, 1890. (2) Theodore Plumer,⁵ b. Jan. 29, 1894, (3) Otho Charles,⁵ b. May 28, 1906.

He m. 2d at Concord, May 2, 1870, Rhoda Bonnett, who d. there May 14, 1872; bur. Ryegate. He m. 3d, March 20, 1879, by Rev. D. C. Faris, Agnes Shields.

Children:

- ii. George Ernest,⁴ b. Oct. 3, 1881.
 - iii. Mary Edna,⁴ b. April 18, 1883; m. June 19, 1907, George E. Weber.
 - iv. Margaret Eleanor,⁴ b. Aug. 2, 1885; m. 1910 C. W. McCamon.
- 9 WALTER THEOPHILUS,³ (John,² John,¹) b. Sept. 6, 1846; ed. Peacham Acad.; went to Concord, N. H., Feb. 3, 1868, emp. seven yrs. in N. H., Asylum for the Insane, five as steward and clerk; one year in meat and grocery business, under the firm name of Deming & McLam; five yrs. bookkeeper for Woodworth, Dodge & Co.; three yrs. clerk and bookkeeper for J. Frank Hoyt; seven yrs. bookkeeper for Clapp & Co., Founders; became partner in, and 13 yrs. treasurer of Concord Foundry Co.; now connected with Concord Foundry and Machine Co. He m. Ryegate, Nov. 21, 1872, by Rev. John Bole, assisted by Rev. Jas. M. Beattie, Margaret Arabella, dau. James R. Park.

Children:

- i. May Belle,⁴ b. Ryegate, Feb. 13, 1874; ed. public schools, Concord, N. H.; grad. Boston Univ., 1897, with deg. of A. B.; teacher three yrs. in Spaulding High School, Barre, Vt., since in Concord; one year in 9th grade of Kimball School; four yrs. principal of Eastman Grammar School; now teacher of history in Concord High School
 - ii. Ernest Nelson,⁴ b. Concord, N. H., Aug. 18, 1877; ed. Concord schools and Smith's Business College; entered employ of B. & M. R. R., 1897, in train despatcher's office at Concord; assistant agent at Sunapee, N. H.; agent and P. M., Henniker Junc.; agent, W. Andover; assistant agent, Contoocook.
- 10 ALEXANDER WILLIAM,³ (John,² John,¹) b. Feb. 18, 1850; farmer on the original purchase of John¹ which he bought from his father John,² in 1881, and in 1894, the James McLam farm from J. A. McLam. He m. June 6, 1876, by Rev. D. C. Faris, Jane Shields of Peacham (b. July 14, 1848.)

Children:

- i. Carlyle Shields,⁴ b. March 2, 1877; grad. Peacham Acad. 1900; one year in Geneva Coll; farmer with his father; m. Sept. 27, 1911, by Rev. D. C. Faris, Kate A. Atwell, (b. Peacham, July 2, 1878; grad. Peacham Acad., 1908, and later of N. J. Normal Sch. at Trenton; teacher 6 yrs. in N. J.)
- ii. Linwood Allen,⁴ b. Nov. 28, 1878; ed. Peacham Acad., one year in business course there; emp. one and a half yrs. by Boston Elevated Railway; went to Seattle, Wash., 1904; now on farm there.
- iii. Vida Ernestine,⁴ b. Dec. 1, 1880.
- iv. Winifred Jean,⁴ b. Aug. 3, 1882; grad. Peacham Acad. 1904; teacher.

- v. Alexander McLeod Milligan,⁴ b. Nov. 18, 1884; grad. Peacham Acad., 1904; grad. Geneva Coll. 1909; he m. at Olathe, Kan., Sept. 12, 1911, Orlena C. Aiken, (b. Olanthe, Kan., July 8, 1884; 2 yrs. in Geneva Coll., and later a teacher in the Indian Mission of the Ref. Pres. ch. in Oklahoma.)
 - vi. Agnes Ellen,⁴ b. Nov. 10, 1888; grad. Peacham Acad., 1908.
 - vii. Mary Elizabeth,⁴ b. Sept. 29, 1891; student in Peacham Acad.
- 11 JAMES RENWICK,³ (James,² John,¹) b. Nov. 24, 1841; ed. Com. Sch., McL., and Peacham Acad. In Boston some yrs.; located at Topsham Jan. 1, 1869; merchant and undertaker; town clerk and treas., 22 yrs., supt. of schools 5 yrs., lister 10 yrs.; justice of the peace 12 yrs.; ass. judge of Orange Co. Court 4 yrs.; chairman of Rep. Co. Com., 4 yrs., town Rep. 1882; Senator from Orange Co. 1908-'09. He m. by Rev. J. M. Faris, Feb. 1, 1871, Susan J., dau. Daniel Wormwood of Ryegate, q. v. Members of United Pres. ch., Topsham.

Children all born in Topsham.

- i. Elmer D.,⁴ b. Sept. 6, 1872; d. Nov. 30, 1886.
 - ii. George L.,⁴ b. June 5, 1874; merchant at Topsham. He m. July 3, 1805, by Rev. S. A. Jackson, Ida F. Morrison of T. Ch. (1) Alice A., b. Dec. 30, 1895; (2) Hazel J.,⁵ b. Dec. 12, 1897. (3) Norman W.,⁵ b. Aug. 24, 1889. (4) Wendall R.,⁵ b. June 17, 1907.
 - iii. Cora J.,⁴ b. July 2, 1875; m. May 29, 1901, Winthrop T. Jackman of Corinth. Ch. Lawrence M.,⁵ b. June 14, 1908.
 - iv. Agnes M.,⁴ b. March 10, 1884. Postmistress at Topsham.
- 12 JOSEPH B.,³ (James,² John,¹) b. Jan. 13, 1849; res. Topsham; farmer, holding town offices; elder in the Pres. ch. He m. Nov. 5, 1874, Ruby A. Bell of Danville, P. Q.

Children:

- i. James F.,⁴ b. Aug. 27, 1875; m. June 5, 1901, Kate R. Willey of T. Ch. James Wilbur,⁵ b. March 12, 1903.
 - ii. Charles E.,⁴ b. Feb. 28, 1881; m. Nov. 29, 1906, Bertha, dau. Geo. R. Hall of T. Ch. (1) Marion L.,⁵ b. May 27, 1906. (2) Inis May,⁵ b. Oct. 17, 1907.
 - iii. Louisa J.,⁴ b. Sept. 29, 1877; m. Sept. 1902, Rodney F. Willard of Montpelier. Ch. (1) Ruby,⁵ [Willard] b. Nov. 6, 1803. (2) Christie,⁵ b. June 3, 1905. (3) John Jay,⁵ b. Aug. 30, 1910.
 - iv. Harry C.,⁴ b. Feb. 21, 1884; m. Oct. 9, 1907, Ella May Hood of T. Ch. Donald Clifford,⁵ b. March 24, 1910.
- 13 JOHN A.,³ (James,² John,¹) b. March 10, 1852; farmer in No. Ryegate till 1887 when he bought the "Old Corner Store," where he has since been engaged in a general mercantile bus.; is also town clerk and Mrs. McLam is postmistress; was for seven yrs. an elder in the Ref. Pres. ch.; they attend the United Pres. ch. of which all their chil. are members. He m. Oct. 3, 1876, by Rev. D. C. Faris, Martha, dau. Robert Dickson.

Children all born in Ryegate.

- i. Alice E.,⁴ b. May 27, 1877; d. April 8, 1899.
- ii. Orpha I.,⁴ b. March 8, 1880; attended St. J. Acad., 1887.
- iii. James Clarence,⁴ b. Sept. 26, 1881; grad. Phillips Andover Acad., 1904; Dartmouth Coll., 1910.
- iv. John Leslie,⁴ b. Sept. 12, 1887; grad. Goddard Sem. (Barre, Vt.), 1910; entered Michigan Univ. 1910.
- v. Robert Knox,⁴ b. Nov. 17, 1889; student St. J. Acad., 1908-09; grad. Goddard Sem., 1910; entered Mich. Univ., 1910.
- vii. Clara Alida,⁴ b. May 18, 1898.

McLAUGHLIN.

This name was originally McLachlin, but the present spelling is usually as above.

WILLIAM McLachlin came from Perthshire, and was one of the company who came from Scotland under the leadership of Col. Alexander Harvey. He was one of the 1st settlers in Peacham arriving there in June, 1775, and made his pitch where Lewis C. McLachlin now lives. His sons were John, Archibald and Peter.

ARCHIBALD,² (William,¹) came with parents to Peacham; m. Christian McKinley, and their dau. Mary b. Barnet, 1783, m. William Bachop, q. v.

PETER,² (William,¹) b. Scotland, March 10, 1774; came to Peacham with parents, settled in Groton; town representative 1813-'17. He m. by Rev. David Goodwillie, June 9, 1808, Isabel, dau. Wm. Neilson (b. Ryegate, 1785 or 1786; d. Groton, Nov. 14, 1831.) He d. March 21, 1852; bur. on their farm in Groton.

Children all born in Groton.

- i. Christian,³ b. July 16, 1809; m. Oct. 3, 1850, by Rev. Wm. Pringle, James M. Heath of Groton.
- ii. Jane,³ b. Oct. 28, 1811; d. July 3, 1853; m. Moses Plummer, Jr. of Groton.
- iii. Mary,³ b. Aug. 30, 1814; d. July 17, 1862; m. James McLure, q. v.
- iv. Nancy,³ b. May 21, 1818; d. Aug. 14, 1868; m. March, 1848, John D. Stewart (b. April 20, 1819; d. Grass Valley, Cal., Aug. 1, 1869).
- 1 v. William,³ b. Sept. 30, 1820,
- vi. Isabel,³ b. Dec. 7, 1823; d. June 11, 1857.
- vii. Hannah,³ b. May 31, 1827; d. July 1, 1836.

JOHN,² (William,¹) b. Scotland, 1770; came to Peacham with parents. He m. Dec. 3, 1801, Mary, dau. James Whitehill (b. Scotland, 1779; d. Peacham, Jan. 18, 1856.) He d. Feb. 5, 1845; bur. in Walter Harvey cem. Members of Ref. Pres. ch.

Children all born in Peacham, except one.

- i. Mary,³ b. Nov. 8, 1802.
- ii. Jane,³ b. May 24, 1804.
- iii. Elizabeth,³ b. Groton, April 5, 1806.
- iv. Nancy,³ b. April 5, 1808.
- v. Archibald,³ b. Jan. 5, 1810; d. April 3, 1888; m. June 26, 1848, Mary A., dau. Nathan and Lois [Rowell] Thorn. (b. Candia, N. H., Nov. 10, 1823).
- vi. John,³ b. Dec. 1811; d. 1813.
- vii. Anna,³ b. Nov. 6, 1813; d. Oct 1, 1847.
- viii. John,³ b. April 9, 1816.
- ix. Susan,³ (twin to John); m. Gardner Whitehill; d. April 15, 1880.
- x. James,³ b. Oct. 24, 1818.
- xi. William,³ b. June 5, 1821.

- 1 WILLIAM,³ (Peter,² William,¹) b. Sept. 30, 1820; farmer in Groton; town rep. 1854, '55, '56. He m. 1st. April 17, 1851, Janet E., dau. James² (James¹) Whitehill (b. July 3, 1831; d. March 3, 1862.) 2d. Nov. 13, 1862 by Rev. W. H. Reed, Elizabeth M., dau., Dea. John Smith (b. Dec. 9, 1836.) He d. Ryegate, Sept. 3, 1892.

Children:

- 3 i. Peter,⁴ b. Jan. 28, 1852.
- ii. James,⁴ b. Oct. 24, 1853.
- iii. John Bole,⁴ b. 1856; d. April 12, 1858.
- iv. David,⁴ b. Nov. 6, 1859; d. Feb. 2, 1862.

By 2d marriage:

- v. Mary E.,⁴ b. Aug. 13, 1864; m. April 23, 1891. James Vance of Ryegate; res. Boltonville. Ch. (1) Edith E.,⁵ [Vance] b. Dec. 24, 1893. (2) Ethel E.,⁵ [Vance] b. June 9, 1896; d. Dec. 10, 1902. (3) Julia M.,⁵ [Vance] b. July 27, 1905.
- vi. Edwin Knight,⁴ b. May 20, 1868; res. Boltonville.
- 2 ARCHIBALD,³ (John,² William.¹)

Children:

- i. Harrison,⁴ b. May 8, 1849; res. Peacham; m. Susan, dau. Rev. P. N. Granger. Ch. (1) Alice S.,⁵ (2) Mary E.⁵
- ii. Alice M.,⁴ b. May 22, 1851; m. Charles B. Dubois; res. Nashua, N. H. Ch. (1) Clarence A.,⁵ (2) Anna M.⁵
- iii. Lewis C.,⁴ b. June 3, 1853; res. Peacham; m. 1st, Jennie A. Dean (dea.) Ch. (1) Clyde C.,⁵ (2) J. Stanley.⁵ He m. 2d, Elizabeth Needham.
- iv. Lucia C.,⁴ (twin to Lewis) m. Allison N. Daniels of Waterford (dea.) Ch. (1) Bertha M.⁵ (2) Carl A.⁵ (3) Benjamin E.⁵
- v. Knight Laughlin,⁴ b. March 22, 1857; d. Dec. 19, 1861.
- vi. Loella,⁴ (twin to Knight L.,) m. Benjamin Manchester, q. v.
- 3 PETER,⁴ (Wm.,³ Peter,² Wm.,¹) b. Jan. 28, 1852; m. Feb. 8, 1875, Lucy Ann, dau. Thos. McKinley (b. Barnet, Sept. 8, 1845; d. April 29, 1886). He d. Jan. 29, 1887.

Children:

- i. Julia K.,⁵ b. June 24, 1878.
- ii. Wm. T.,⁵ b. Oct. 17, 1880.
- iii. Clarence R.,⁵ b. Sept. 18, 1883.
- iv. Ralph B.,⁵ b. March 31, 1886

McLEOD.

ALEXANDER,¹ of Glasgow, Scotland, m. Marion Pendre. They had six sons, James, William, Robert, Alexander, John and Magnus.

ROBERT,² b. Glasgow, Oct. 8, 1831; came to Am. 1849, and worked at his trade, a machinist, in N. Y. city; went to Australia 1852, and m. at Balarat, Aust., 1834, Margaret, dau. Andrew Wylie, and gr. dau. of Wm. Buchanan (b. Paisley, Scot., Feb. 14, 1832.) Ret. to Am. 1857, lived in Ryegate a short time, then bought the Robert Renfrew farm in Newbury. Rem. to Burlington, Kan., in the early '80s. He is still an active man, an elder in the Pres. ch. Mrs. M. d. at Denver, Col., May 30, 1901; bur. at Burlington.

Children:

- i. Marion Pendre,³ b. Balarat, Aust., May 23, 1855; came to Am. with parents; teacher in Leadville, Col., also in Bradford and Woodsville. She m. Newbury, Oct. 31, 1893, Wm. H. Gray of Ryegate, q. v. Res. Burlington, Kan. Ch. (1) Matthew Robert,⁴ b. Dec. 9, 1894; now in Dartmouth Coll. (2) Harry Douglas,⁴ b. June 13, 1898.
- ii. Lillian B.,³ b. at sea, on board ship "Morning Star," while coming round Cape Horn, March 12, 1857; teacher; m. 1885, Cyrus Snow; res. Texas. Ch. Wylie M.,⁴ Walter D.,⁴ Annie J.,⁴ Robert S.,⁴ Helen C.,⁴
- iii. Robert Douglass,³ b. Newbury, Oct. 9, 1858; grad. Mich. Univ., 1888; lawyer at Leadville, Col. Judge in City Court. He m. Jan. 1900, Helen T. Stebbins of L.
- iv. Andrew A.,³ b. Newbury, Jan. 12, 1861; d. 1863.
- v. Flora B.,³ b. N., Dec. 14, 1863; teacher; m. Manfred Frazer of Leadville. Ch. Margaret.⁴
- vi. Annie N.,³ b. N. Dec. 26, 1866; music teacher; Burlington, Kan.
- vii. John W.,³ b. N., June 2, 1869; d. in inf.
- viii. Wm. N.,³ b. N., Oct. 29, 1862. Res. Chilicothe, Mo.

MCLURE.

THEOPHILUS,¹ b. County Down, Ireland, 1751. He belonged to the patriot army in 1798, was apprehended and confined two years in jail before his trial by court martial. His wife visited him in jail every week, not knowing but each time might be the last. He was sentenced to leave the country and settle either in New South Wales or North America; they came to America in 1799, lived in New York a few years and learning that several of his compatriots had settled in Ryegate, they bought land of the Scotch Co. and settled in Ryegate on the farm now owned by C. H. Taplin, between South Ryegate and the Corner, where he d. June 30, 1838, and she d. Oct. 23, 1846. Her name was Elizabeth Findley. Members of the Ref. Pres. ch. Bur. at Ryegate Corner.

Children :

- i Elizabeth,² (called Betty,) b. Ireland, March 25, 1795; d. March 13, 1884.
- 1 ii John,² b. Jan. 18, 1798.
- iii William,² b. New York, April 2, 1801; m. by Rev. Jas. Milligan, March 18, 1830, Mary Smith; they had one son Theophilus; they went to Missouri long ago; members of the Ref. Pres. ch.
- iv Jean,² b. Ryegate, Feb. 20, 1804; m. Thomas Smith, q. v.
- 2 v James,² b. April 2, 1806.
- vi Janet,² b. Oct. 8, 1808; m. William McLam, q. v.
- vii Mary,² b. May 27, 1811; m. John McLam, q. v.
- 1 JOHN,² (Theophilus,¹) b. Co. Down, Ireland, Jan. 18, 1798; came to America with parents. He bought the farm near Boltonville where his gr. son Charles H., lives; he owned and conducted a brickyard, which was halfway between the farm buildings and Boltonville, where he made brick as late as 1858; he was a prominent man, holding all town offices and was town representative in 1847 and 1848. Covenanter, but became one of the original members of the Ref. Pres. ch. at So. Ryegate, and chosen elder there; he built a nice brick house (afterwards burned) where the buildings now stand. S. S. Supt. over 20 yrs. He was m. April 2, 1829, by Rev. Jas. Milligan, to Irena Learned (b. Colebrook, N. H., June 20, 1807; d. April 9, 1876). He d. April 26, 1876; bur. at So. Ryegate.

Children :

- i Elizabeth S.,³ b. Sept. 2, 1830; m. July 4, 1854, William W. Carson; d. in Chicago, Sept. 2, 1901. Ch. (1) Alice Irene,⁴ b. Aug. 3, 1855; m. 1st, Louis Hose Penteado, a Brazilian. She m. 2d, H. Whitcomb. (2) John Alden,⁴ b. Sept. 9, 1856; injured by a R. R. train and d. from its effects, Aug. 3, 1885. He m. ——— who d. Dec. 6, 1883.
- ii Marilla J.,³ b. July 1, 1832; m. Nov. 17, 1853, Charles R. Bailey (b. Newbury, May 20, 1827; killed on the M. & W. R. R., Sept. 28, 1873.) She d. Oct. 28, 1896. Ch. (1) Sophronia M.,⁴ b. Newbury, Oct. 8, 1859; ad. to Oxbow Chapt. (D. A. R.) July, 1907; m. Jan. 12, 1892, Charles M. Libbey (b. Lowell, Mass., Feb. 27, 1857; came to So. R. 1893; station agent 1893–1901; now in coal and wood bus.; pres. Blue Mt. Telephone Co., 3 yrs., 1907–'09; pres. Vt. and N. H. Ind. Tel. Ass., 1909–11.) (2) Charles John,⁴ b. July 20, 1867; res. Groton; station agent since Jan. 1895; has held several town offices; town rep. 1902. He m. July 27, 1892, Mary E. Adams of Chelsea, Mass.
- 3 iii James T. H.,³ b. March 7, 1835.
- iv Mary Jane,³ b. Dec. 12, 1838; m. Dec. 14, 1866, Charles N. Paige (b. Jan. 14, 1842.) Ch. (1) Viola Jesette,⁴ b. April 4, 1867; d. May 31, 1883. (2) Una Alloise,⁴ b. Aug. 20, 1868; m. Henry Fortune. (3) John McLure,⁴ b. Aug. 17, 1874; d. May 27, 1883.
- v Sophronia M.,³ b. June 10, 1842; m. Oct. 25, 1865, DeWitt Tousley (b. April 10, 1834.) Both are deaf-mutes. Mr. Tousley began to learn the printers trade in 1851, and now after 61 years, is still at his "case," a competent workman. He is much in demand for making

addresses at meetings of deaf mutes. Res. LeSueur, Minn. Their children are normal. Ch. (1) Clark Sherman,⁴ b. Sept. 25, 1866; m. Sept. 6, 1892, Eunice A. Lockhart (b. Sept. 25, 1870.) Ch. (a) Horace Winfield,⁵ b. Jan. 28, 1894. (b) Elizabeth Irene,⁵ b. Nov. 3, 1895. (c) Albert Sherman,⁵ b. Sept. 3, 1899. (2) Orr John Dewitt,⁴ b. March 25, 1875; m. Aug. 22, 1906, Marion Johnson. Ch. Orr DeWitt,⁵ b. June 13, 1907.

- vi. Martha C.,³ b. March 20, 1844; m. Jan. 14, 1885, Archibald Park; she d. June 30, 1897.

- 2 JAMES,² (Theophilus,¹) b. Ryegate, April 2, 1806; farmer, succeeding his father. He m. March 5, 1840, Mary, dau. Peter McLaughlin (b. Groton, Aug. 30, 1814; d. July 17, 1862). She d. Feb. 7, 1874; bur. at So. Ryegate. They were members of the Ref. Pres. ch. at So. R., in which he was an elder. The chil. all rem. to Cal. after the death of their parents.

Children:

- i. Eliza Jane,³ b. Feb. 5, 1841; m. Andrew J. Miller, q. v.
- ii. Peter McLaughlin,³ b. Feb. 2, 1843; went to Cal. 1863; in bus. San Francisco and became wealthy, but lost heavily by the disaster of 1906; has a country place on Russian River. He m. Sept. 29, 1883, Mrs. Lucena (Clark) Cummings, who crossed the plains with her parents in 1864. No chil.
- iii. John Finley,³ b. Feb. 10, 1844; went to Cal. 1866; farming and dairying in Santa Cruz; ret. and res. Lampoc of which town he is a trustee. He m. Aug. 3, 1874, by Rev. H. S. Willie, Fannie L. Hall. Ch. Besides 2 who d. in inf. (1) Winnie,⁴ (Mrs. Holst) who has a dau. Leona. (2) Blanche (Mrs. Schuyler).
- iv. Maria Isabel,³ b. May 24, 1846; m. 1st, Archibald Park of R. Went to Cal., and m. June 14, 1882 by Rev. Mr. Field, Richard Griffin of Lampoc. Ch. Bertha and George.
- v. William James,³ b. Jan. 12, 1850; went to Cal., in the early '70's; in dairying some years; res. San Francisco; has never m.
- vi. Henry Nelson,³ b. July 17, 1853; went to Cal. 1874; farming at Lampoc. 1875-'88; removed to San Francisco, grading contractor; he m. Jan. 1, 1887, Amy Hodges of Lampoc, who d. 1899. Ch. One dau. who m. Gordon Chamberlin of San Francisco.
- vii. Harriet Violette,³ b. March 16, 1855; went to Cal. and m. Feb. 1878, Henry Martin, who was in the hotel business. She d. suddenly, Aug. 1, 1878; bur. at Lampoc.
- viii. Mary Lillie,³ b. June 25, 1862; went to Cal. and m. Nov. 16, 1878, Horace, s. of Judge Heacock. U. S. Com. at San. Francisco; she d. May 4, 1894; bur. at Lampoc. Ch. (1) Edwin Russell,⁴ who is m. and has three sons, Horace, Homer and Howard. (2) Nathaniel Estee,⁴ who is m. (3) Horace Peters.⁴

- 3 JAMES THEOPHILUS HENDERSON,³ (John,² Theophilus,¹) b. March 7, 1835; enlisted June 17, 1862 Co. G, 9th Vt.; dis. June 6, 1865 at Fort. Monroe; farmer on homestead till 1891 when he rem. to So. Ryegate. He m. Sept. 23, 1858, Mary Ann, dau. George Nelson (b. Nov. 2, 1834). He d. Nov. 6, 1908. Members 1st Pres. ch., So. Ryegate.

Children:

- i. Charles Herbert,⁴ b. Sept. 8, 1859; farmer on homestead; has held many town offices. He m. Sept. 26, 1883, Nellie, dau. Wm. Allen of Newbury. Ch. (1) Frank P.,⁵ b. Oct. 17, 1884; electrician; res. Newbury. He m. Sept. 3, 1906, Louise Tullar of Vershire. Ch. (a) Charles George,⁶ b. March 9, 1909. (b) Clifford Frank,⁶ b. Jan. 25, 1912. (2) Joy,⁵ b. Aug. 15, 1891; grad. Randolph Normal School, 1908; teacher; she m. Dec. 17, 1910, Olin Bemis of E. Haverhill, N. H. Ch. Madaline Charlotte,⁶ b. Dec. 6, 1911.
- ii. Lizzie J.,⁴ b. Feb. 3, 1862; d. May 8, 1877.
- ii. Myrtie J.,⁴ b. Nov. 10, 1869; d. Oct. 8, 1883.
- v. Infant,⁴ b. June 13; d. June 21, 1878.



JOHN MCCLURE.



JAMES T. H. MCCLURE.

MEADER.

JOHN Meader, the ancestor of all of the name in this country, so far as known, was born in 1630; came to this country about 1650 (tradition says from Yorkshire, England;) lived at Oyster River near Dover, N. H., was taxed 1661-77; his garrison was destroyed in 1694; his name appears among the settlers of Essex and old Norfolk in 1653 and in the Dover Town records in a rate bill dated July 21, 1657. John Meader, Senior, and his son John Meader, Junior, signed a petition Feb. 20, 1689 for protection and government.

SAMUEL Meader,¹ a descendant of John the pioneer, through John Jr., Nicholas, and Daniel whose wife was Mary Harvey, was b. in 1745 and was 30 yrs. old when he served in the 6th, Poor's Regiment, two months and ten days in the Revolutionary War, his service dating from May 27, 1775. Tradition says he fought at Bunker Hill. He married Ruth Hill and moved from Barrington, N. H. to Vermont.

His children were as follows:

- 1 i. Samuel,² b. d. 1843.
- 2 ii. Stephen,² b. July 27, 1779; d. July 3, 1855.
- 3 iii. Daniel,² b. Oct. 21, 1782; d. Mar. 19, 1872.
- iv. Deborah.²
- v. Lydia,² m. Joshua Otis and moved to the west.
- vi. Betsy,² m. Samuel Davis.
- vii. Sally,² m. Andrew Lockey, a Scotch laird.
- 1 SAMUEL,² (Samuel,¹) m. 1st Mary Downs of Lyman, Me., and lived in the north part of Ryegate. 2d, Louisa Higgins.

Children:

- i. Mary,³ m. Granville Carleton.
- 4 ii. Daniel,³ b. 1794; m. Betsey Higgins.
- iii. Hannah,³ m. Augustus Merriman and settled in Addison, Steuben Co., N. Y.
- iv. Jerusha,³ m. Stephen Watkins and settled in Kirby, Vt.
- v. Ruth,³ m. Peter Woodcock.
- vi. Samuel W.,³ m. Mary Harriman.

By 2d marriage.

- vii. Andrew,³ b. 1824; went to Massachusetts.
- viii. Lois W.,³ b. 1826; d. 1909.
- 5 ix. John Hanson,³ b. 1832; m. Mary A. Fleming. 3 ch.
- 2 STEPHEN,² (Samuel,¹) b. Barrington, N. H., 1779; came to R. 1798 and m. Sept. 18, 1799 Sally, sister of Jonathan Gates who d. and he m. 1812, Mary, dau. Benjamin Bailey of Peacham. He was a tailor and served in that capacity in the war of 1812. They rem. to Wells River ab. 1822 where he d. 1855.

Children:

- 6 i. Hiram,³ b. Jan. 20, 1800.
- ii. Eliza,³ (Betsey,) b. May 27, 1802; d. 1823.
- iii. Louisa,³ b. Oct. 16, 1804; m. 1st Everett Heath of Newbury and had ch. Henry, who went to Australia and Maria S., who m. Abner Webber. She m. 2d. William Webber father of Abner as 2d w.
- iv. Ruth,³ b. April 2, 1807; d. 1820.
- v. Sarah B.,³ b. Oct. 28, 1809; went to New York state.
- vi. Stephen,³ b. Oct. 30, 1811; m. Lizzie Bard of Washington.
- vii. Mary Ann,³ b. ——— m. John Lamphear of Wells River.
- viii. Sally Maria,³ b. April 10, 1813; m. Peter M. Paul. 2d, Geo. Mason, q. v.
- ix. Franklin M.,³ b. April 3, 1815; m. Sarah Frost; lived in Maine and d. suddenly in 1874.
- x. Smith,³ b. Dec. 28, 1816; m. Ida Parker of Danville.

- xi. Nelson,³ m. Elizabeth of Springfield.
- xii. Mary Jane,³ m. John Kelley.
- xiii. Harriet Eliza,³ m. 1st, James Varnum; 2d, Joseph Parsons.
- xiv. Caroline A.,³ m. Moses Gilpatrick.
- xv. Wm. Eames,³ drowned at Wells River. 2 yrs. old.
- xvi. Laura A.,³ d. at b.
- xvii. Victoria,³ d. in ch.

3 DANIEL,² (Samuel,¹) b. Oct. 21, 1782; settled in Newbury; farmer and practiced law in small cases. He m. Nancy. dau. Nathan Avery and had 14 ch., who are all d. He d. March 19, 1872. His son John A. b. Jan. 30, 1813; m. Dec. 7, 1843, Ann, dau. Capt. Wm. Page (b. Ryegate, March 22, 1816; d. Sept. 15, 1898). He d. March 6, 1897.

4 DANIEL,³ (Samuel,² Samuel,¹) b. in Maine, 1794; m. Oct. 16, 1821, Betsey' dau. Peletial Higgins (b. May 20, 1802; d. Jan. 20, 1871). He d. 1862.

Children:

- 7 i. Granville Carleton,⁴ b. Oct. 12, 1822.
- ii. Jacob D.,⁴ b. June 26, 1874; en. in the U. S. Army, and d. at Las Vegas, N. M., in the Mexican war.
- iii. Geo. W.,⁴ b. May 15, 1826; d. June 26, 1852.
- iv. Mary Jane,⁴ b. March 20, 1828; d. Oct. 1857; m. Seth F. Blackwell. Ch. Louisa, Emma, Frances, Jennie, Geo. L.
- v. Franklin,⁴ b. March 20, 1830; d. Oct. 30, 1852.
- vi. Mariah L.,⁴ b. Oct. 26, 1832; m. Joel Carbee, q. v.
- vii. Charles H.,⁴ b. Nov. 2, 1834; served in Co. C, 11th Vt., in Civil war; d. June 26, 1865.
- viii. Eliza A.,⁴ b. Jan. 26, 1836; d. Nov. 30, 1854.
- ix. Horace P.,⁴ b. Oct. 23, 1838; d. 1886.
- x. Franklin,⁴ b. March 2, 1840; d. Aug. 20, 1862.

5 JOHN H.,³ (Samuel,² Samuel,¹) b. 1832 in R.; worked in Manchester, N. H., as a stone mason; m. there, 1857, Mary Ann Fleming (b. May 1, 1838, near Dublin, Ireland, who came to Am. at the age of 15). They came to R., he worked at his trade. Enlisted Aug. 1862 in Co. F, Col. Berdan's Sharpshooters; d. June 9, 1863 from wounds received at Gettysburg.

Children:

- i. Andrew D.,⁴ b. Aug. 21, 1858; d. 1879.
 - ii. Thomas A.,⁴ b. June 3, 1860; com. sch. ed. with two terms at Newbury Seminary. His widowed mother with three small chil. rem. from the Corner in 1869, and bought the Wormwood place, where Edward Miller had lived, on the n. e. slope of Blue Mt. They cleared off a heavy debt for farm and stock, and are successful farmers; dairying products their specialty. Writer for the press on agricultural subjects many yrs., and correspondent for county papers. Has held nearly all town offices; elected Ass. Judge of Caledonia County Court, 1902 and 1904; Deputy Sheriff, 1911; census enumerator 1900; trial justice, and has acquired extensive legal knowledge; sec'y of Ryegate and Wells River Valley Dairyman's Ass.; is a director of the St. Johnsbury Fair Ground Co., and with his sister prominent members of Blue Mt. Grange. Neither are m. and with their mother are members of Un. Pres. ch.
 - iii. Jennie,⁴ b. May 31, 1862; associated with her bro. in the management of the farm. Also a writer for the press for a number of years.
- 6 HIRAM GATES,³ (Stephen,² Samuel,¹) b. Ryegate, Jan. 20, 1811; m. Dec. 5, 1831, by Rev. Jas. Milligan, Phebe, dau. Jacob Hatch; lived where Hugh G. Miller did afterward; rem. to Walden, 1837; farmer there and d. May 27, 1872; she d. Jan. 1, 1866.

Children, the three oldest born in Ryegate.

- i and ii.⁴ Twins, b. and d. 1832.

- iii. William,⁴ b. May 21, 1833; m. 1st, Georgianna Berry. 2d, Lizzie Thomas of Manchester, N. H., where he d. Sept. 6, 1882. 1 dau. Alice.⁵
- 9 iv. Stephen Volney,⁴ b. April 23, 1835.
 - v. Martha,⁴ b. Nov. 21, 1846; m. 1861, Ira Woodcock. 5 chil. 3 dead. Rose⁵ m. Victor Roberts of Newbury; Abbie m. Wm. W. Bryant of Westfield Vt
 - vi. Silas J.,⁴ b. Walden, 1838; d. Nov. 5, 1865.
 - vii. Hiram N.,⁴ b. 1840; d. July 3 1863.
 - viii. Henry N.,⁴ b. 1842; d. Aug. 10, 1865.
 - ix. Phebe A.,⁴ b. 1844; d. Jan. 14, 1850.
 - x. Abbie E.,⁴ b. Jan. 14, 1846; m. Calvin Lyford. No chil. Res. Sunset Home, St. Johnsbury.
- 7 GRANVILLE CARLETON,⁴ (Daniel,³ Samuel,² Samuel,¹) b. Oct. 12, 1822; farmer, spending the last 40 yrs. of his life where Harry Nelson lives, near Ticklenaked Pond. He m. Oct. 12, 1846, Elizabeth Augusta, dau. Ellis Colburn (b. Shrewsbury, Vt., Aug. 9, 1822; d. R. Feb. 24, 1902). Members of the Pres. ch. He d. May 20, 1900.

Children:

 - i. Julius Granville,⁵ b. July 15, 1847; d. April 1, 1856.
 - ii. Charlotte Elizabeth,⁵ b. May 9, 1849; d. Jan. 4, 1851.
- 8 iii. Lewis Hamilton,⁵ b. April 27, 1851.
 - iv. Percy Ellis,⁵ b. Newbury, April 7, 1853; went to Montgomery, Ala., contractor and bridge builder; m. Jennie Sturm of Eugene, Ind. He d. Dec. 5, 1905. Ch. Henry Carleton.
 - v. Lucy Hale⁵ b. Newbury, April 1, 1855; m. 1st, Edgar P. McAllister, q. v. 2d, Wm. B. McMurray of Montgomery, Ala., who d. there Dec. 5, 1905. One dau. Edna Lee [McMurray] who m. Oct. 12, 1910, Michael Wright of Hartland, Vt. 3d, Oct. 14, 1910, Hannibal Spaulding of Lyndonville.
 - vi. Lois Emily,⁵ b. Sept. 29, 1857; d. May 7, 1859.
 - vii. Granville Erwin,⁵ b. Dec. 16, 1859; farmer on homestead; killed at the R. R. crossing above Boltonville. Feb. 1909. He m. 1903, Rheue B., dau. Hugh G. Peach. Ch. Elizabeth Juliette.⁶
 - viii. Lois Elizabeth,⁵ b. May 7, 1862; d. May 22, 1864.
- 9 STEPHEN VOLNEY,⁴ (Hiram G.,³ Stephen,² Samuel,¹) b. Ryegate, April 23, 1835; went to Pa., where he m. Priscilla Moyer, who d. May 12, 1909; ret. to Walden; has been justice of the peace, postmaster, and held other offices. Methodist. Now retired.

Children:

 - i. Hiram F.,⁵ b. Boalsburg, Pa., Nov. 15, 1862; res. Medford, Ore; fruit-grower; m. Dora Clay. Ch. William, Ralph and Ada.
 - ii. George H. ⁵ b. Spring Creek, Pa., Nov. 20, 1864; drowned at Snohomish, Wash., Nov. 20, 1892.
 - iii. Cora B.,⁵ b. Sept. 3, 1865; m. Fred Gile, Walden, Vt. Ch. Helen, Ralph, Carroll.
- 10 iv. Artie M.,⁵ b. March 11, 1867.
 - v. Stephen V.,⁵ b. June 3, 1869; d. March 23, 1882.
 - vi. Phoebe M.,⁵ b. April 6, 1872; d. March 23, 1909; m. Nov. 22, 1896, Bert McGinnis. Ch. Ellery M., Raymond, Priscilla.
 - vii. Lucretia L.,⁵ b. Jan. 8, 1874; m. Nov. 25, 1896, Victor W. Stuart of Hardwick.
 - viii. Julia K.,⁵ b. Aug. 1, 1877; m. Fleming B. Milligan; buttermaker, Walden.
- 8 LEWIS HAMILTON,⁵ (Granville C.,⁴ Daniel³ Samuel,² Samuel,¹) prepared for college at Peacham Academy and was grad. from Dartmouth College in 1878. He received his Ph. D. degree from Brown University in 1900, his thesis being, "The Council of Censors" a feature of the Constitution of Pennsylvania a few years after its adoption in 1776 and of the Constitution of Vermont until 1869, which was printed in the Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography. He was principal

of the Peters High School, Southboro, Mass., 1878-'79; Warren (R. I.) High School 1879-1886. Since 1886 he has been a grammar school principal in Providence, R. I.; Pres. Providence Franklin Society, 1901-1911; Pres. R. I. Institute of Instruction, 1901-1902; Pres. Sprague House Association several years; teacher in and Supt. one year of Westminster Cong. S. S. He m. Aug. 23, 1881, at Warren, R. I., Mary Gammell Davol.

Children:

- i. William Gammell,⁶ b. April 17, 1883; grad. Brown Univ., 1905; manager and treasurer of the Attleboro, Mass., Trust Co. He m. April, 1910, Zerrie Fitz-Randolph Huntsman, who d. June 30, 1911. Ch. Elizabeth Blossom, b. May 23, 1911.
 - ii. Lewis Hamilton,⁶ b. Jan. 25, 1886; grad. Brown Univ. 1909; in forestry bus. with Geo. Johnson & Son, Providence.
 - iii. Percy Davol,⁶ b. Jan. 9, 1890; member class of 1914, Brown Univ.
 - iv. Margaret Gammell,⁶ b. Feb. 17, 1894; senior (1912) in Providence Classical High School.
- 11 ARTIE M.,⁵ (Stephen V.,⁴ Hiram G.,³ Stephen,² Samuel¹) b. Walden, Vt., March 11, 1867; res. Whittinsville, Mass.; carpenter. He m. 1st, Dec. 17, 1894, Nancy J., dau. W. F. Hastie of Barnet [See p. 352] (b. Oct. 8, 1864; d. Dec. 5, 1906). 2d, Aug. 20, 1908, Mrs. Jennie G. Bodwell, dau. Geo. A. Gibson of Ryegate.

Children all by 1st marriage.

- i. Raymond F.,⁶ b. Dec. 7, 1897.
- ii. Marian H.,⁶ b. March 15, 1899.
- iii. Marjorie D.,⁶ b. Nov. 30, 1901.
- iv. Kenneth L.,⁶ b. July 15, 1906.

MILLER.

There have been three Miller families in Ryegate, and their records are given in the order of their coming here.

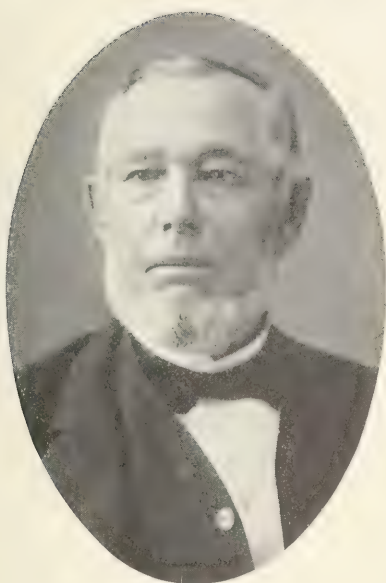
ANDREW Miller, son of James Miller, farmer in Chapel, came here from Barns of Clyde, Parish of Kilpatrick, Dunbartonshire, Scotland, in 1786, with Robert Brock, Senior, who m. his aunt, Jean Miller. Elizabeth Miller who m. James Nelson as 3d wife, came at the same time, and is understood to have been his sister. Very little is known about him, but he appears to have been agent for parties in Scotland, and was an educated man who wrote an excellent hand and was more than once chosen a committee to visit schools. He m. in 1803, Margaret McClary who came from the north of Ireland in the family of Rev. Wm. Gibson. He seems to have been living here as late as 1812, but his after history or that of his family is unknown. The names and dates of birth of their children from the town records, are given here for preservation.

- i. James,² b. Jan. 20, 1804.
- ii. William,² b. Nov. 10, 1805; d. Oct. 3, 1806.
- iii. Jean,² b. Oct. 3, 1806.
- iv. Robert,² b. April 10, 1808.
- v. William,² b. April 29, 1810.
- vi. Andrew,² b. June 29, 1811.
- vii. Margaret,² b. May 29, 1812.

MILLER.

ALEXANDER MILLER FAMILY.

ALEXANDER Miller was a very prominent man in Ryegate for nearly fifty years and the ancestor of a very large number of people. We are introduced to him in a letter from William Houston to James Whitelaw dated at Sandisland, 7th May, 1784;



ROBERT MILLER.



A. A. MILLER.



MRS. C. J. SHACKFORD.



A. ROBERT MILLER.

Alexander Miller, son-in-law to David Allan, intends coming to Ryegate the ensuing summer as proprietor of at least 13 lots. David Allan wishes that you and James Henderson could clear about two acres at his expense on the most convenient and fertile spots on any of the lots which you can foresee will fall to his share. This will be a considerable advantage to him for something of an earlier crop than he could have otherwise. The charges Alexander Miller will pay on his arrival in Ryegate.

He settled where George Gebbie lives and erected good buildings. Alexander Miller, b. Inchinnan, Renfrew, Scotland, who was, says Edward Miller, of the Millers of Calder, m. in 1780, Jean, dau. David Allan, b. Inchinnan, 1760. In 1784, with their two children, one of whom d. at sea, they came to Am., reaching Ryegate Sept. 1st. Their church certificate, dated at Inchinnan, May 1, 1784, was signed by Archibald Davidson, minister, and Alexander Stewart, Session clerk; they joined the Associate ch. on their arrival but withdrew from it and united in 1800 with the Covenanters. In Scotland he had been a quarrier and stone mason and in 1807, he with Allan Stewart, Robert Gibson, Jonathan Page, John Craig, Ora Willmot and Stewart Harvey, were engaged to get out stone for the State prison at Windsor. He had charge for two seasons of the men who were getting out the stone on Mount Ascutney. In 1809 he bought land on Wells River at what is now called the Quint place where he erected buildings and a saw mill and a grist mill in which he made hulled barley. The locality was called "Miller's Mills" for many years. Alexander Miller, says Mr. Mason, was highly esteemed, and accounted a man of excellent business judgment. He d. Feb. 12, 1835, aged 76, and she d. Feb. 22, 1839, in her 78th year. Bur. at Ryegate Corner.

Children: the 1st two born in Scotland, the rest in Ryegate.

- i. Margaret,² b. Dec. 30, 1781; bapt. by Rev. Archibald Davidson; m. James Akin, q. v.; d. Sept. 11, 1829.
- ii. Robert,² b. 1783; d. at sea, Aug. 1784.
- 1 iii. John,² b. June 11, 1785; bapt. by Rev. John Houston.
- iv. Jean,² b. Apr. 23, 1787; bapt. by Rev. John Houston. (The Craig rec. says b. April 1, 1787); m. John Craig, q. v.; d. Jan. 17, 1819.
- v. Mary,² b. Feb. 15, 1789; bapt. by Rev. Thos. Beveridge; m. Allan Stewart, q. v.
- 2 vi. David,² b. March 26, 1791; bapt. by Rev. David Goodwillie.
- vii. Janet,² b. Dec. 23, 1792; bapt. by Rev. David Goodwillie; m. Josiah Quint, q. v.
- viii. Alexander,² b. 1796; d. Aug. 1798.
- ix. Elizabeth,² b. March 24, 1798; m. David White q. v.
- 3 x. William,² b. Dec. 10, 1799.
- xi. Nancy,² b. Oct. 19, 1801; d. May 17, 1830.
- 4 xii. Alexander,² b. May 2, 1803.
- xiii. Lillyas,² b. March 11, 1804; m. James Lumsden, q. v.
- xiv. Marion,² b. April 29, 1807; d. Feb. 12, 1833; m. Wm. Hall, q. v.
- 5 xiii. Robert,² b. May 6, 1810.

- 1 JOHN,² (Alexander,¹) b. Ryegate. June 11, 1785, became a captain in the old militia, and was called an excellent drill master. He lived at first in north part of the town, later on the Page-Wormwood farm, and in the winter of 1819-20 he moved to South Ryegate and put up buildings on the Newbury and Ryegate line. The farm is mostly in Newbury, and he sold it in 1844, to Archibald Ritchie and moved to Groton where he d. Feb. 6, 1847. He was m. by Rev. David Goodwillie Sept. 17, 1807, to Margaret, dau. James Dunsyre (b. Edinburg, Scot., 1791; d. Groton, Dec. 31, 1861). She was a tailoress by trade. Capt. John Miller was tall, broad shouldered, of swarthy complexion, and very spare, over six feet in height. His mother was a remarkably strong woman, would often carry a grist of wheat to mill, three miles, leading John by the hand and when the child got tired she would put him on top of the grist and carry both. When he became captain of the militia he drilled the company so well that it became the best in

the brigade in 1817 and 1818, and a few years later, at a brigade muster in Sutton was selected to escort duty for the field officers. Capt. John Miller was in great demand as a manager of funerals.—EDWARD MILLER.

Children:

- i. Alexander,³ b. March 18, 1808; m. March 7, 1833, Mary Mackie; settled in Newbury, and cleared a farm which he sold in 1848 to Andrew Aitken, on which the latter lived and d. in 1904. Alexander Miller reared a family, went to Wisconsin and d. there.
 - ii. James Roger,³ b. Sept. 2, 1809; d. ab. 1832 or 33 at his brother Alexander's.
 - iii. Margaret Ann (or Allan,³) b. April 11, 1811; m. Feb. 25, 1843, H. N. Stebbins of Newbury; d. March 16, 1861; bur. at Boltonville. Several ch.
 - iv. Jane³, b. Jan. 8, 1813; m. July 4, 1840, Wm. Hubbard, who was sailor, tailor and mason.
 - 6 v. John,³ b. Aug. 7, 1814.
 - vi. Mary,³ b. May 22, 1816; d. un-m. 1838.
 - 7 vii. William,³ b. Feb. 17, 1818.
 - viii. Ann C.,³ b. Jan. 11, 1820; m. James White, q. v.
 - ix. Janet,³ b. Sept. 25, 1821; m. Joshua Littlefield, who was a captain in a N. H., reg. in the Civil war; he saw hard service, was wounded while leading a charge at the 2d battle of Bull Run, lay hidden with another man seven days fed by a woman who brought them soup. He was found and taken to Washington, where he d. in three days.
 - x. David,³ b. April 12, 1823; served in the Union army in the Civil war. Was twice m. No record.
 - xi. Robert,³ b. March 18, 1825; d. Sept. 20, 1862.
 - xii. Eliza L.,³ b. April 1, 1827; m. 1st, Wm. Heath. 2d, a Mr. Mulberton. Went to Oregon.
 - xiii. Agnes,³ b. Aug. 11, 1829; m. Dr. Wm. H. Webster.
 - xiv. Isabel Grav,³ b. Aug. 21, 1831; m. George Hardy.
 - xv. Martha Helen,³ b. April 14, 1833; m. Geo. Gilman, a R. R. engineer at Reading, Mass.; d. Aug. 30, 1833.
 - 2 DAVID,² (Alexander,¹) b. March 26, 1791; owned and lived on the farm now that of Frank Gibson on the Wells River road. The original buildings stood on top of the hill north of the present ones. He m. April 28, 1809, Elizabeth, dau. John Anderson (b. Leshmahago, Scotland, 1789; d. Dec. 19, 1868.) He d. Oct. 22, 1868; bur. So. Ryegate. Members of Ref. Pres. ch.
- Children:
- i. Marion,³ b. April 8, 1809; d. Nov. 19, 1841; m. George Donaldson, q. v.
 - 8 ii. John A.,³ b. Sept. 3, 1810.
 - 9 iii. Alexander S.,³ b. Dec. 18, 1812.
 - 10 iv. Robert T.,³ b. Dec. 14, 1814.
 - 11 v. David,³ b. Feb. 16, 1817.
 - vi. William,³ b. May, 1820.
 - vii. Janet L.,³ b. June 28, 1821; d. Feb. 28, 1826.
 - viii. James,³ b. Nov. 4, 1824; m. Jane Wheeler. No record.
 - ix. Anderson,³ b. June 28, 1826; mill wright; m. Jan. 23, 1850, Amanda S., dau. Kimball Page (b. R. May 8, 1826; d. Jan. 24, 1881). They rem. to Littleton, N. H., 1853, where he d. June 5, 1894. No ch.
 - x. Gibson,³ b. 1830; was m. twice; no record. Lived in Massachusetts.
 - xi. Josiah W.,³ b. June 14; d. Oct. 5, 1832.
 - xii. Elizabeth,³ b. Oct. 12, 1833; d. Dec. 5, 1911; m. Orange G. Morrison, q. v.
 - 3 WILLIAM,² (Alexander,¹) b. Dec. 10, 1799; m. by Rev. James Milligan, June 28, 1821 to Jane Jenness (b. Nov. 13, 1804.) He lived in several places and d. at Brattleboro, Oct. 16, 1862, and bur. there. This record is by Edward Miller, as none of the family can be located.

Children:

- i. Caroline,³ b. Aug. 2, 1822; d. July 21, 1831.
 - ii. Sarah,³ b. Newbury, Oct. 11, 1824; m. at Lowell, Mass., Feb. 20, 1846, David Carruth, who d. March 16, 1887. 2 ch.
 - iii. William,³ b. Sept. 5, 1826; m. March 22, 1856, Ann Elizabeth Ryan; rem. to Lee Co., Ill. 5 ch.
 - iv. Mary,³ b. Jan. 5, 1829; d. Lowell, Mass., April 21, 1857.
 - v. Martha F.,³ b. Ryegate. April 13, 1831; m. March 16, 1849, Solomon Welch of Groton and went to Ill., where he d. and she m. 2d C. J. Palmer and went to Nebraska.
 - vi. Caroline,³ b. Sept. 30, 1833; m. a Mr. Smith who d. in Boston.
 - vii. Margaret H.,³ b. Aug. 20, 1836; d. Passumpsic, Feb. 7, 1857.
 - viii. Ruby Ann,³ b. April 7, 1839; m. 1st, N. D. Goss of St. Johnsbury who d. and she m. 2d, H. A. Boomer of Santa Cruz, Cal.
 - ix. Charles³ b. Nov. 4, 1841; m. Mary Bishop.
 - x. Harriet,³ b. March 28, 1844; m. August 16, 1862, Levi P. Parks of Barnet and went west.
 - xi. George Lewis,³ b. July 19, 1846; d. Passumpsic, June 4, 1865.
- 4 ALEXANDER,² (Alexander,¹) b. May 2, 1803; settled on the south part of his father's farm and put up buildings; the farm he sold in 1842 to Edward Miller Sr., where the late Edward Miller long lived. Drummer in the Ryegate Light Infantry. He m. 1824, Jane, dau. James Caldwell (b. March 3, 1804; d. Sept. 17, 1875.) They rem. to Barnet, later to Lunenburg, where he d. Feb. 20, 1887. Members of the Ref. Pres. ch. This record is also by Edward Miller.

Children:

- i. Robert,³ b. Feb. 26, 1825; d. July 18, 1816.
 - ii. James,³ b. Jan. 11, 1827; d. Elkhart, Ind., March, 1891, He m. 1857, Emily Halley, who d. Jan. 1891. 2 ch.
 - iii. Martha Jane,³ b. Nov. 26, 1828; m. March 15, 1849, John Gilfillan of Barnet. 2 ch.
 - iv. Alexander McLeod,³ b. March 31, 1831; m. June 4, 1857, Sarah J. Gilkerson. 3 ch. They lived in Barnet.
 - v. Archibald Johnson,³ b. June, 1833; served in the army in the Civil war; m. Louisa W. Kendall; lived in Lunenburg.
 - vi. Christian,³ b. Nov. 2, 1835; d. June 20, 1837.
 - vii. Mary Ann Milligan,³ b. Jan. 9, 1838; m. Jan. 17, 1856, Geo. Kinne of Passumpsic; she d. ab. 1867; chil. all dead.
 - viii. Rosannah,³ b. July 8, 1840.
 - ix. Thomas Jefferson,³ b. Barnet, Dec. 28, 1843; enlisted Aug. 15, 1862, in Co. K, 3d Vt.; prom. corporal, then color bearer; killed in the battle of Winchester, Sept. 21, 1864.
- 5 ROBERT,² (Alexander.) b. May 5, 1810; farmer on the homestead until 1893; prominent in town affairs; democrat. He m. March 3, 1831, Margaret, dau. Archibald Park (b. Sept. 13, 1808; d. Jan. 26, 1886.) He spent his last years with his dau., Mrs. Nelson, where he d. Oct. 28, 1899. They celebrated their golden wedding in 1881 with all their living descendants present.

Children:

- 12 i. Jackson Park,³ b. May 21, 1832.
- ii. Abbie Henderson,³ b. March 2, 1834; d. Nov. 7, 1906. She was blind for many years.
- 13 iii. Archibald Alexander,³ b. Sept. 17, 1836.
- iv. Nancy Jane,³ b. Sept. 25, 1838; m. Jan. 20, 1871, Robert Elms; she d. March 18, 1911. One son, Frank G., also dead.
- v. Julia Victoria,³ b. April 29, 1840; m. Wm. H. Symes, q. v.
- vi. Margaret Isabella,³ b. Sept. 25, 1842; m. Jan. 20, 1871, John A. Smith; she d. Boston, April 11, 1885; bur. Mt. Hope cem.
- vii. Caroline Jennette,³ b. Sept. 26, 1847; m. 1st, Carlos W. Nelson, q. v. 2d, 1902, John L. Shackford.

viii. John R.,³ b. March 27, 1852; in teaming and trucking bus. in Boston some yrs. with his bro. A. A. Miller; ret. to the homestead. He m. Dec. 1882, Emily, dau. M. R. Gray (b. April 24, 1856; d. Aug. 1902). He d. March 7, 1899.

6 JOHN,³ (John,² Alexander,¹) b. on the Wormwood farm, Aug. 7, 1814; m. Jan. 7, 1840, Nancy, dau. of Enoch Nelson of Newbury (b. there June 29, 1821; d. Jan. 21, 1866.) They lived in Groton from 1840 till 1866 when they rem. to Newbury and lived on her father's farm below Boltonville. (Edward Miller says that two story house was built in 1828.) He m. 2d, Jan. 31, 1871, Margaret, dau. James Aiken (b. R., April 17, 1815; d. March 2, 1883.) He d. at Woodsville, 1893. John Miller with both his wives and five ch. are bur. at Boltonville.

Children:

- i. Edwin G.,⁴ b. Dec. 4, 1841; m. Alice A——. Res. Stuart, Iowa.
- ii. Edgar,⁴ b. July 30, 1843; m. 1st, Martha, dau. Wm.,³ and Ann [Aiken] Miller (b. 1850; d. April 5, 1883.) 2d, Lizzie dau. John Park, q. v. Res. Woodsville. No ch.
- iii. Carlos,⁴ b. May 18, 1844; d. Aug. 8, 1846.
- iv. Chester,⁴ b. Dec. 6, 1846. Is m. and lives at Stuart, Iowa.
- v. Francis,⁴ b. Sept. 5, 1848; m. Rose Wilson of St. Johnsbury. 2 daus., 1 son. Res. Springfield, Mass.
- vi. Hubbard,⁴ b. Nov. 22, 1850. Farmer in the west.
- vii. Warren,⁴ b. Nov. 17, 1852. Killed by a load of boards overturning upon him, on the Wells River road, Dec. 27, 1828.
- viii. Roger,⁴ b. May 22, 1855; d. March 4, 1872.
- ix. Jennie H.,⁴ b. May 25, 1857; m. Jan. 1882, Henry W. Salmon of Glover, Vt. She d. Dec. 1894. One son, John Miller,⁵ one dau., Jennie Belle.⁵ Res. Glover, Vt.
- x. Nelson J.,⁴ b. July 6, 1859; m. Belle Willis of Woodsville. 3 chil
- xi. Leonard M.,⁴ b. Nov. 29, 1861; m. Lottie Collins of Woodsville 1 ch. Earl,⁵ d. y.
- xii. Hermon G.,⁴ b. March 11, 1863; d. Aug. 26, 1865.

7 WILLIAM,³ (John,² Alexander,¹) b. Feb. 17, 1818; lived in Newbury, Ryegate, Groton and Greensboro; disappeared from R. in Oct. 1863. He m. March 2, 1843, Ann Akin.

Children:

- i. Charles P.,⁴ b. Dec. 20, 1843; d. Sept. 20, 1862.
 - ii. Meroe Angelette,⁴ b. May 6, 1845; m. 1st, Oliver D. Crozier, q. v. 2d, Wm. John Nelson.
- 8 JOHN ALLEN,³ (David,² Alexander,¹) b. Ryegate, Sept. 30, 1810; lived with his uncle Robert till he m. Oct. 29, 1840, Lydia Frost. He bought the saw mill at So. Ryegate, living where Mrs. James Dickey now does; sold the mill to Walter Buchanan and bought in Newbury above Wm. Nelson's to whom he sold; ret. to So. R. 1850. and lived on the Allan Stewart place; carpenter and builder. He d. Dec. 29, 1887; she d. Aug. 15, 1877.

Children, besides four who died young.

- i. Andrew Jackson,⁴ b. Ryegate, Oct. 4, 1841; served in the Union army in the Civil war; m. Nov. 25, 1869, Eliza dau. James McLure; lived in Newbury; went to Cal. 1873, and d. at Lampoc, June 2, 1879. Ch. (1) Henry L.,⁵ (2) Ida L.,⁵ who d. at 16. (3) Frank,⁵ who is m. and has a dau. Ella M.,⁶
- ii. George Frost,⁴ b. Newbury, Jan. 27, 1843; entered the service of the Conn. River R. R., 1865, at Springfield, Mass. Identified with the White Mountain traffic many years as conductor on the White Mts. Express, and as general agent with headquarters at Fabyan's. "His duties took him to all parts of the country, especially the south and west, and to him perhaps more than to any other man do the White Mountains owe their popularity as summer resorts." In 1900 he re-

signed his position, and after some time associated himself with the Smith & Wesson Co. of Springfield, from which he retired in failing health in 1908. Was a prominent Mason. He m.
Ch.. Rena Estabrook. He d. May 18, 1911.

- iii. John Adams,⁴ b. Newbury Dec. 28, 1845; served in the Union army in the Civil war. He m. July 4, 1878, Elizabeth, dau. John Salmon; rem. to Littleton, N. H., 1893; millwright; mem. Pres. ch. No chil.
 - iv. Mary Stewart,⁴ b. Newbury, Oct. 24, 1847; m. March 18, 1873, Leonard Welch of Peacham and d. there Nov. 27, 1899.
 - v. Bradley Morrison,⁴ b. Newbury, Feb. 22, 1850; res. Des Moines and Chicago. He m. Margaret Church; d. March 25, 1898.
 - vi. Ella Augusta,⁴ b. Ryegate, April 28, 1852; m. May 16, 1904, Daniel W. Lane. His father was mayor of Manchester, N. H., and P. M. there. The son was the 1st letter carrier in M.; afterwards connected with the Merchants Nat. Bank and became cashier; prominent in business circles. He d. at Bretton Woods, Sept. 29, 1910.
 - vii. Lydia Jane,⁴ b. Ryegate, March 5, 1854; m. Dec. 18, 1873, George Enoch Haseltine, a native of Newbury; res. Chicago. Ch. Mabel and Blanche.
 - viii. Lizzie S.,⁴ b. Ryegate, May 11, 1859; m. June 27, 1882, Frank G. West; lived at St. Johnsbury; d. Jan. 14, 1893 and Mr. West later. One dau. Bertha,⁵ lives in Danville.
 - ix. David Franklin,⁴ b. Ryegate, May 10, 1862, in grocery bus. in Chicago many years, active in ch. and philanthropic work. He m. Oct. 14, 1910, Mahala S. Page of Corinth. He d. Oct. 3, 1911.
 - x. Robert, b. Ryegate, March 3, 1865; m. March 14, 1896, Phoebe Hortop of Hespeler, Ont. Res. Adams, Mass. 2 chil.
- 9 ALEXANDER S.,³ (David,² Alexander,¹) b. Dec. 18, 1812; blacksmith at the Corner. He m. Maria [Hooker] wid. of Loammi Holt. Both d. and bur. there.
- Children:
- i. Henry C.,⁴ served in the Civil war as Lieut. in Co. C, 3d Vt. Killed in the battle of Cold Harbor.
 - ii. Mary,⁴ went to California and m. there.
 - iii. A child who d. y.
- 10 ROBERT TWADDLE,³ (David,² Alexander,¹) b. Dec. 18, 1814; farmer on home-
stead. "An agreeable, industrious man." He m. Oct. 1861, by Rev. N. R. Johnston of Topsham, Mary A., dau. John and Margaret [Hight] Harvey (b. Jan 1824; d. Nov. 11, 1891.) He d. Teeswater, Ont., March 15, 1894. Both bur. at So. R. Members of Ref. Pres. ch.
- Children:
- i. Alice T.,⁴ b. April 12, 1864; edu. at Montebello Ins., Newbury, Peacham and St. Johnsbury Acad's; teacher. She m. Nov. 23, 1886, by Rev. J. W. Flagg, Rev. H. W. Reede, q. v.
- 11 *DAVID,³ (David,² Alexander,¹) b. Ryegate, Feb. 6, 1817; carpenter; m. April 28, 1842, by Rev. Wm. Pringle, Lillias, dau. Walter Buchanan (b. May 1, 1820; d. Oct. 12, 1872). He rem. to Worcester, Mass., 1874; farmer there; m. 2d. April 20, 1876, Mary A. Flagg. He d. Worcester, Feb. 15, 1889.
- Children:
- i. Harriet Augusta,⁴ b. So. R., April 29, 1844; m. Plymouth, N. H., Dec. 5, 1864, by Rev. H. F. Hazen, John McGowan.
- Children:
1. John Birt,⁵ [McGowan] b. So. R., Aug. 22, 1865; treas. Buffington Pharmacy Co., Worcester, Mass; m. Aug. 14, 1893, at Webster, Mass., Alice Tourtellotte.

* By Miss Inalou Buchanan.

2. Lilly Jane,⁵ [McGowan] b. So. R., Aug. 8; d. Aug. 23, 1867.
 3. Margary,⁵ [McGowan] b. Worcester, Mass., May 20, 1871; grad. Worcester Normal School; teacher Worcester Public Schools till d. Sept 9, 1911.
 4. David Ernest,⁵ [McGowan] b. Worcester, Nov. 5, 1873; conductor B. & M. R. R.; m. at W., April 22, 1907, Alice Gertrude A. Bassett.
 5. Walter Estes,⁵ [McGowan] b. Worcester, Oct. 14, 1877; grad. Brown Univ. Supervisor Central Scientific Co., Chicago, Ill. Now with L. E. Knott. App. Co., Boston.
 6. Elmer Allison,⁵ [McGowan] b. Worcester, March 27, 1881; clerk at Worcester Co., Ins. for Savings. He m. at W., Dec. 8, 1908, Mabel E. Brissette. Ch. Elmer Allison,⁶ b. June 10, 1911.
 - ii. Horace Buchanan,⁴ b. So. R., Feb. 19, 1845; in teaming business in Boston, 1866 till death, Oct. 14, 1907. He m. Groton, July 31, 1865, Rosette T. Darling. Ch. Lilly,⁵ b. Boston, July 5, 1869; grad. Institute of Technology, Boston; chemist there till m. Frank Kendall, civil engineer; res. Belmont, Mass.
 - iii. Walter David ⁴ b. Groton, Vt., June 16, 1846; engineer on Chicago and St. Louis R. R. He m. at Cedarville, Pa., March 22, 1876, Belle Fulton; res. Ft. Wayne, Ind.; retired.
 - iv. William James,⁴ b. Groton, Aug. 3, 1848; carpenter and farmer. He m. 1st, Annie Kelley (dea.) 2d, Mary Hallet (dea.) 3d, Flora Head (dea.) Res. Brockland, Texas.
 - v. Herbert Watson,⁴ b. So. R., June 20, 1856; teamster in Boston for his brother; then in hotel and livery stable business. He m. Boston, Aug. 30, 1878, Louise Webster; d. Boston, Sept. 14, 1890.
 - vi. Lillias Jane ⁴ b. So. R., Feb. 20, 1860; d. March 26, 1863.
 - vii. Infant son,⁴ b. March 5, d. April 10, 1866.
- 12 JACKSON P.,³ (Robert,² Alexander ¹) b. May 21, 1832; farmer at W. Barnet, also proprietor of grist mill there, and with his oldest son, the one at Barnet village. Member of Pres. ch., W. Barnet. He m. 1st, Oct. 3, 1855, by Rev. Thos. Goodwillie, Caroline M., dau. James Hall,² (b. Aug. 27, 1832; d. June 7, 1877.) 2d, Oct. 3, 1878, Clara, dau. Moses Gates (b. Jan. 29, 1841; d. Jan. 12, 1907).
- Children by 1st marriage.
- i. Morris J.,⁴ b. Jan. 1, 1857; res. Brockton, Mass.; m. April 21, 1891, Margaret J. Glenn. Ch. (1) Agnes Ruth,⁵ b. May 30, 1894. (2) Caroline Hall,⁵ b. Feb. 22, 1896.
 - ii. Carrie Bell,⁴ b. Aug. 24, 1863; d. Aug. 4, 1865.
 - iii. Emma J.,⁴ b. Feb. 28, 1865; m. John J. Rhodes, q. v.
 - iv. Robert J.,⁴ b. March 7, 1870; res. Groton; senior partner in the Miller & Ayer Lumber Co. He m. Feb. 28, 1900, Marion L., dau. James M. Doe.
 - v. Frank Elmer,⁴ b. July 17, 1873; m. March 31, 1896, Harriet Cummings. Ch. (1) Gladys Emma,⁴ b. Nov. 14, 1896. (2) Frederick R. ⁴ b. March 21, 1899.
- 13 ARCHIBALD ALEXANDER,³ (Robert,² Alexander,¹) b. Sept. 13, 1836; went to Boston, 1859; in teaming and livery business till 1879; bought and carried on the grist mill at West Barnet, till 1882; went back to his old bus. in Boston; ret. to R. 1890 and bought of Robert Nelson, "Long Meadow Farm," on Connecticut river formerly called the "Andrew Warden tavern stand." He m. Sept. 29, 1874, Ibbie Jean, dau. Robert Nelson.

Children:

- i. Blanche Nelson,⁴ b. Dorchester, Mass., July 6, 1875; m. J. R. W. Beattie, q. v.
- ii. Archibald Robert,⁴ b. W. Barnet, Sept. 19, 1880; d. Concord, N. H., Dec. 30, 1902, from injuries received in the employ of the B. & M. R. R.

MILLER.

EDWARD MILLER FAMILY.*

This family came from Erskine parish, Renfrewshire, Scotland, where the Millers have lived for four hundred years or more and were farmers there. The first ancestor whose name is certainly known was John Miller, b. about 1650. Isabel, dau. of this John Miller was grandmother to Jean Stewart (b. 1734; d. 1826) who m. William Neilson, one of the first settlers of Ryegate. From her the name Isabel has been handed down in both Miller and Nelson families.

- II. DAVID, son of John Miller, b. about 1680. Of him very little is known.
- III. WILLIAM, son of David, b. about 1714; he had sons William and Matthew, perhaps others.
- IV. WILLIAM, son of William, b. Erskine parish, 1747; was reared in Berseute and m. 1775, Jennett, dau. Edward Hill. The name Edward came into the family by him. The Hills were gardeners by occupation. Jennett Hill was b. in Paisley, 1747 and d. Feb. 23, 1840.

Their children were:

- i. William, b. 1776; m. Jean Holmes and had sons,—William, b. 1806; James, b. 1808; John b. 1812.
- ii. Edward, d. young.
- iii. Edward, b. Jan. 1, 1780, q. v.
- iv. Agnes, b. 1783; m. William Holmes and had children —George, b. 1819; William, b. 1822; Agnes, b. 1825.
- v. Margaret, b. 1786, d. y.
- vi. Jennet, b. 1789; m. David Miller as 2d w. They had a dau. Jennet, who m. David Taylor of Kilmacolm parish.

EDWARD,¹ Miller b. Hadochstone, Erskine parish, Jan. 1, 1780; lived in that parish till after he was 16, then in North Glen 24 years; left Scotland April 10, 1820, was six weeks on the voyage, landing at Quebec; came via Montreal, Burlington and Montpelier, arriving in Ryegate, July 9, 1820. John Barr came with him from Scotland. He bought the Craig farm and the Harvey farm of John Cameron. The former is now owned by Charles E. F. Miller. He m. June 5, 1822, by Rev. David Goodwillie, Isabel, dau. Hugh Gardner, q. v. In 1831, he bought the Allan Stewart farm of William Harvey. Toward the end of his life he was a cripple from rheumatism. In person he was large and tall, and his features, according to Hon. Robert Harvey, greatly resembled Lafayette. In Scotland he was a Free Mason. In Ryegate he joined the Associate Pres. ch. 1823, and continued in that relation. He d. April 29, 1865. His wife possessed great energy, decision and endurance. Her father d. when she was 20 years old, and she carried on for seven years after his death the farm now owned by John H. Nelson caring for her invalid mother, taking her to church on the Sabbath with an ox team. She carried on her father's farm, mowing by hand, and generally taking a man's place in the field. After marriage she not only took care of her house but wove and made by hand most of the clothes for the family. Member of the U. P. ch. 65 yrs. She was b. April 12, 1795 and d. Oct. 30, 1878. The genealogy of this family is computed from Edward Miller, Sr., and except where noted all births, marriages and deaths were in Ryegate and burials in Blue Mountain Cemetery.

Children:

- 1 i. William,² b. Feb. 14, 1813.
- ii. Hannah,² b. May 25, 1824; m. John Gibson, q. v.
- 2 iii. Edward,² b. March 16, 1826.

* The earlier part is from information given in 1860 by Edward Miller, Sr., to Edward Miller, Jr.

- 3 iv. Hugh G.,² b. Oct. 3, 1827.
- 4 v. John,² b. April 20, 1829.
- 5 vi. James,² b. June 10, 1831.
- vi. Mary Jennet,² b. April 28, 1833; d. May 16, 1854.
- 6 viii. George A.,² b. Nov. 26, 1834.
- 1 WILLIAM,² (Edward,¹) b. Feb. 14, 1823; farmer on the Craig farm; mem. with his wife of the United Pres. ch., and a highly esteemed man. He m. by Rev. J. McArthur, July 13, 1852, Emily, dau. James and Elizabeth [Gibson] Warden (b. Barnet, Aug. 2, 1819; d. Nov. 3, 1859.) He d. Nov. 10, 1863.

Children:

- i. James Renwick,³ b. April 3, 1853; attended Peacham Academy; rem. to Clarinda, Iowa, and m. there April, 1876 Mary Elizabeth Berry, who d. Feb. 6, 1897; farmer.
- ii. Charles Edward Fremont,³ b. Feb. 17, 1857; farmer, owning the Craig farm and other property. He m. 1st, Oct. 7, 1898 Mrs. Effie [Clough] Rolfe. 2d, Nov. 18, 1903, Mrs. Ida May Hook, dau. of George and Mary [Rollins] Otis of Newbury.

EDWARD,² (Edward,¹) b. March 16, 1826; com. sch. edu. and Newbury Seminary; taught winter school nine years with marked success. (See chapter on Education.) He m. March 18, 1852, Eliza, dau. John Gates (b. June 29, 1830; d. July 16, 1898). Her parents being dead, at 11 yrs. of age, she went to live with her uncle, James Dunn, in the n. e. part of Groton, and worked in the field the greater part of the time till she came of age. She joined the Covenant ch. July 5, 1849, and changed to the U. P. ch. after marriage. "She was personally attractive, and possessed in full measure all the gentler qualities of mind and heart." They settled on the farm n. of Blue Mountain, where T. A. Meader now lives; rem. 1855 to Pickwick, Minn., intending to settle there; ret. to Ryegate the next spring, and bought the Nicholas White farm, on which he lived 10 years then bought the Alexander Miller farm on which he spent the rest of his life, erecting the present house in 1875. Supt. of schools, three yrs., town auditor 20 yrs., making the town report 14 yrs., census taker and lister; town representative 1874-5, being the first man from R. in 20 yrs. to introduce a bill, it being one requiring all suits at law involving less than \$30 to be settled by arbitration. For the invaluable service he rendered in collecting the annals of Ryegate and its families, see the introduction to this volume. No one since General Whitelaw knew so well the plan of the town, its surveys, bounds and divisions, and as a land surveyor he was the main dependence of his townsmen. Correspondent for the Vt. Union and other papers, many years. Few men ever knew a town as minutely as he did Ryegate and its people. Joined the Asso. Pres. ch., Oct. 7, 1852; chosen elder but declined to serve. He was a great reader, taking special interest in history, local and general and came to be regarded as pre-eminently the historian of his town. He d. Feb. 15, 1900. He taught his children to fear God, get the best education possible, and never be afraid of work.

Children:

- i. Jane,³ (Jennie) b. Feb. 3, 1853; edu. at Groton High School; teacher a number of years; attendant in various hospitals for the insane. She m. Worcester, Mass., Feb. 19, 1879, Duncan McKeith Corliss gt. gr. son of Thomas McKeith, one of the 1st settlers of Ryegate (b. Newbury, Jan. 20 1847; policeman in Boston, and officer in House of Correction; settled in Piermont, N. H.; rem. to R., where he d. Nov. 27, 1900.) She d. Feb. 26, 1896. Ch. (1) George Clement,⁴ [Corliss] b. Jan. 16, 1880; m. Sept. 4 1902, Lillie Jane, dau. John H. Symes; farmer on the "Doe place," Dist. No. 1. Mem. U. P. ch. He d. May 13, 1905. (2) Edward Miller,⁴ [Corliss] b. Oct. 13, 1885;



EDWARD MILLER, SR.



MRS. ISABEL GARDNER MILLER.



ELIZA GATES MILLER.



WILLIAM MILLER.

- edu. St. Johnsbury Acad., grad. Ontario Veterinary College, 1907 with degree of V. S.; in practice at Plymouth. N. H. Member of U. P. ch.
- ii. John Martin,³ b. Feb. 24, 1855; attended St. Johnsbury Academy, ranking among the highest of his class; taught several winters; farmer and miner in California and Arizona, 1878-'84; farmer for a number of years with his bro. Hermon, then bought the Page place at the Corner and res. there. Member of U. P. ch.
- iii. Roselle,³ b. April 11, 1857; attended Peacham Acad.; m. 1st, Nov. 26, 1878, James Madison Boyce of Belmont, N. Y.; farmer (b. Belmont, Oct. 10, 1851). Rem. to Monroe N. H., where he d. Aug. 10, 1904. One ch. Harlan Holmes,⁴ [Boyce] b. Belmont, Aug. 13, 1881; d. Monroe, July 30, 1899. She m. 2d, Oct. 25, 1905, Isaiah Frost Page (b. Groton, Vt., Feb. 3, 1851; grad. Eastman Bus. Coll.; merchant, postmaster, town clerk and treasurer.) He d. April 24, 1911; bur. McIndoes. Members U. P. ch., Ryegate.
- iv. Annie Margaret,³ b. Sept. 17, 1859; attended Peacham Acad.; teacher; m. 1st, May 21, 1878, Wesson Griggs Holmes, q. v. of Barnet. He d. May 8, 1880. One ch., Philip Alexander,⁴ b. B. April 4, 1879; d. May 7, 1881. She lived in Barnet. Matron two yrs. at Deer Island, Mass; grad. 1887 at the training school for nurses connected with the Mass. Gen. Hospital; trained nurse till she m. 2d April 30, 1890, Wilbur Fisk Eastman of No. Haverhill, N. H. (b. Haverhill, Oct. 20, 1851 mem. I. O. O. F. and S. A. R.) Member successively, U. P. ch., Ryegate, Congregational ch. Barnet, M. E. ch. No. Haverhill. Ch. Wilbur Fisk,⁴ [Eastman] b. Haverhill, May 21, 1893; student in High Sch. Member M. E. ch.
- v. Isabel,³ b. March 9, 1862; attended Peacham Acad., lived with parents. Member U. P. ch.; d. May 31, 1898.
- vi. Hermon,³ b. Jan. 22, 1864; attended Peacham Academy; farmer and attendant in hospitals for insane at Taunton and Northampton, Mass. He m. Taunton, Mass., May 30, 1887, Alice Abbie, dau. Benj. F. and Abbie A. [Robinson] Simmons of Appleton, Me. (b. A. Sept. 25, 1864.) Members with their chil. of the U. P. Ch. Bought the original General Whitelaw farm, where he res. and calls Sunnyside Farm. Ch. Twin daus. b. May 16, 1894. (1) Mabel Alice,⁴ grad. 1911 in Wells River High Sch.; now in Middlebury Coll. (2) Maude Eliza,⁴ d. May 4, 1908.
- vii. Edward Sherman,³ b. Feb. 13, 1866. Fitted for college at Peacham and St. Johnsbury Acad.; attended Monmouth (Ill.) Coll. and Harvard Univ., each one year; grad. Dartmouth Coll., 1893, A. M., in 1896; teacher in ungraded and high schools in Vt. and N. H.; studied one year in Medical and Dental Department, Univ. of Colorado; grad. 1900 from Dental Department, Univ. of Maryland with degree of D. D. S. In practice, Woodsville, N. H. Ad. April 29, 1905, to N. H. Soc. S. A. R. by descent from Josiah Gates, q. v. Member of State Dental Soc. He m. June 26, 1901, Edith Bethia, dau. Wm. F. and Phebe [Somers] Gibson (b. R. March 25, 1865). Members U. P. ch., Ryegate. Children all born at Woodsville. (1) Annie Bernice,⁴ b. July 6, 1902; d. July 14, 1902. (2) Edward Gibson,⁴ b. Oct. 10, 1904. (3) Carmen Edith,⁴ b. March 5, 1907; d. July 7, 1907. (4) Elmer Sumner Gordon,⁴ b. Nov. 13, 1911.
- viii. Mary [Maude] Ellen,³ b. Jan. 20, 1868; ed. Peacham and St. Johnsbury Acad's; teacher in R. and other towns; purchased the homestead, and res. there. She m. 1st, June 28, 1873, Abram E. Low, q. v. 2d, Oct. 25, 1895, Matthew Cyrus Holmes, q. v. Both members of U. P. ch.
- ix. Hugh Burton,³ b. Jan. 27, 1871; ed. Peacham and St. Johnsbury Acad's; went to Colorado for his health and d. at Denver, April 26, 1896; bur. at R. Mem. U. P. ch.
- x. Infant, twin to above; d. Jan. 28, 1871.

- xi. Elmer Manton,³ b. Feb. 25, 1873; grad. St. Johnsbury Acad., 1894, Pres. of class; teacher in public schools, Ryegate, and Groveton, N. H., where at the risk of his life he saved from drowning an unruly boy who had, contrary to orders, gone upon the ice in the river and broken through. Studied medicine Dartmouth M. S., grad. at Baltimore Med. Coll., 1898. Mem. Phi Chi Soc. In practice, Woodsville, N. H., also a house officer of Cottage Hospital. Mem. of U. P. ch., I. O. O. F., F. A. and A. M., White Mt. Med. Soc., and Am. Med. Ass. Town rep. from Haverhill, 1909-'10. He m. in Boston, June 22, 1898, Lillian Estelle, dau. Thos. and Elizabeth M. [Roddick] Ray, b. Nova Scotia, Jan. 15, 1874; edu. Barton High Schools. She is an accomplished musician.
- 3 HUGH GARDNER,² (Edward¹) b. Oct. 3, 1827; attended Peacham Acad.; farmer and in younger days a schoolmaster, often having 40 to 60 pupils; held several town offices, and was held in high esteem. He m. by Rev. James McArthur, Jan. 10, 1856, Margaret Helen, dau. Robert Gibson, 2d (b. Aug. 22, 1822; d. Jan. 11, 1892). She joined the Ass. Pres. ch. Dec. 18, 1841; and he joined it Sept. 26, 1854; Elder, till death, Oct. 11, 1856. He d. Aug. 10, 1896.
- 4 JOHN,² (Edward,¹) b. April 20, 1829; went to California in Feb. 1852; stopped at Rio de Janeiro where several of the company contracted yellow fever, and 13 died; reached San Francisco July 19, 1852; mining on American river, Poker Flat and Marysville; ret. to Vt. 1855; went to Cal. again 1860. and was in the butcher and drover business several years; ret. to Ryegate and made his home with his bro. Hugh. He accumulated a large property; never m.; d. Dec. 20, 1904. He held several town offices and was a very genial man, esteemed for his good sense, upright character, and even disposition. A tireless worker.
- 5 JAMES,² (Edward,¹) b. June 11, 1831; in coasting trade between Bangor, Me. and Alexandria, Va., several years before the civil war; farmer on homestead 1866, till d. Feb. 13, 1890, taking care of his mother in her old age. He m. Newbury. by Rev S. L. Eastman, March 20, 1872, Elizabeth E., dau. Philip C., and Christian [Chalmers] Tuxbury (b. Newbury, Aug. 28, 1848.) Mem. of Cong. ch., Newbury. After his death she rem. 1895 to Newbury Vil. to educate her chil and in 1903 to W. Newbury with her two youngest sons, who bought the "Old Prescott Place," and two other farms, which they call "Lake and Mountain View Farm." This farm overlooks Hall's Pond and the surrounding country and has a fine prospect of the White and Franconia Mts.

Children:

- i. Clarence Edwin,³ b. Jan. 10, 1873; farmer on homestead till fall of 1902; bought a farm in Bath, which he ex. 1906 for the grist mill at Wells River where he remains. He m. March 6, 1894, Alma J., dau. Moses H. Randall of Boltonville. Members of Cong. ch. Wells River. Ch. (1) Clarence Merton,⁴ b. Ryegate, Aug. 15, 1895. (2) Annie Elizabeth,⁴ b. Ryegate, Feb. 5, 1898. (3) Isabel Randall,⁴ b. Ryegate, May 5, 1900. (4) Harold Albert,⁴ b. Bath, Feb. 12, 1904. (5) Irwin Dwight,⁴ b. Bath, Oct. 1, 1905. (6) Bertram Nelson,⁴ b. Wells River Feb. 14, 1908.
- ii. John Henry,³ b. Feb. 23, 1879; edu. Montpelier Seminary, and a four yrs. course in Med. Dep. Vt. Univ., grad. 1906; studying also in a hospital in N. Y. City and in Victoria Hospital at Montreal; in practice at Wallingford, Vt. He m. in Burlington, Vt., Sept. 19, 1907, Jessie L.; dau. Robert Campbell of B. Ch. (1) Marion Gertrude,⁴ b. W., Feb. 14, 1909. (2) John Henry,⁴ b. March 8, 1911.
- iii. James Currier,³ b. Feb. 8, 1888; edu. Newbury and Montpelier Sem. Bus. Course at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He m. at Chicago, Ill., Oct. 25, 1911,



THE MILLER BROTHERS.

1. JAMES MILLER. 2. GEO. MILLER.
3. JOHN MILLER. 4. HUGH G. MILLER. 5. EDWARD MILLER.



THE EDWARD MILLER HOMESTEAD, BUILT IN 1806.

Lorée.

- Annabel, dau. Wm. H., and Nellie May [Bowen] Kendrick of Newbury; gr. dau. of John Kendrick and of Albert A. Bowen.
- iv. George Hugh,³ b. June 1, 1882; farmer with his brother. He m. Jan. 1, 1907 Ellen Robatena, dau. Geo. A. and Isabel [Buchanan] Johnson of Piermont, N. H., and gt. gr. dau. of Col. Thomas Johnson of Newbury. Ch. Elizabeth Mary,⁴ b. N. Sept. 8, 1908.
- v. Christina,³ b. Nov. 14, 1886; d. Sept. 7, 1887.
- 6 GEORGE ALEXANDER,² (Edward,¹) b. Nov. 26, 1834; rem. 1866 to Clarinda, Iowa; farmer there. He m. Sept. 1, 1867, Rosanna Logan Toner of C. Member of U. P. ch. She d. May 5, 1905; bur. Covenanter cem., Harlan.

Children all b. in Clarinda except the 1st. Two d. y.

- i. Georgianna A,³ edu at Newbury Sem.; teacher; m. Ellsworth Arthur of Topsham. Members of Baptist ch., Groton. Ch. (1) Leslie E,⁴ [Arthur] b. July 8, 1885; emp. by Swift & Co., Exeter, N. H. (2) Winifred,⁴ b. Jan. 3, 1887. (3) Grace J.,⁴ b. March 18, 1888. (4) Alexander C.,⁴ b. Feb. 1, 1900. (5) Lee,⁴ b. Aug. 28, 1901.
- ii. Edward Thomas,³ b. Jan. 24, 1870; farmer; m. at College Springs, Iowa, Dec. 4, 1889, Clara Ella Wilkie, who d. Clarinda, 1906; bur. Covenanter cem. Ch. Gladys,⁴ Rosa,⁴ Warren,⁴ Mary,⁴ Bessie,⁴ Edgar,⁴ and an infant son.
- iii. Bell Elizabeth,³ b. Sept. 18, 1872; m. Edward Dunn of Clarinda. Several chil.

The six sons of Edward Miller, Senior, were men of marked individuality, who made a strong impression upon their generation in this town. They were men not to be swerved from what they thought right to do, but were genial, liberal, worthy of their ancestry.

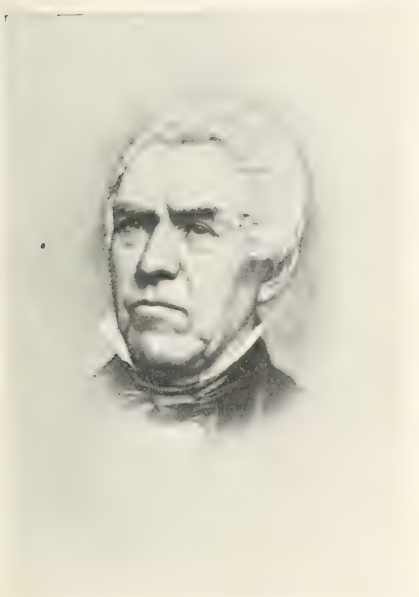
MILLIGAN.

REV. JAMES MILLIGAN, b. Dalmellington, Ayrshire, Scotland, Aug. 7, 1785; d. at the home of his second son at Southfield, Mich., of typhoid pneumonia, Jan. 2, 1862. His parents were John Milliken and Margaret Milligan, his wife, who lived and died on the banks of Loch Doon. According to the custom of the time and place the wife retained her family or clan name. John Milliken died when his children were too young to remember him, and as their mother was known as Margaret Milligan, the sons adopted her name. James Milligan came to America at the age of 17 with emigrants who settled in Pa. He entered Jefferson College, graduating 1809, taught in an academy, and supplied vacant churches for a few years; was ordained and settled in Coldenham, N. Y.; came to Ryegate in the fall of 1816, was installed over the Ref. Pres. congregation Sept. 26, 1817, and resigned his charge May 17, 1839. He was pastor of Covenanting congregations successively at New Alexandria, Pa., and Eden, Ill., until old age. For a more complete account of his ministry here see Chap. XIV. It is the united testimony of his contemporaries that Mr. Milligan was a man of extraordinary power in the pulpit. His frame was large, his features dark and strongly outlined, his voice powerful and well modulated. His sermons abounded in metaphor, and were frequently illumined by outbursts of fine declamation; he exercised a singular fascination over his audience, and held its close attention for hours at a time. Mr. Milligan was a fine classical student, and was considered the best Hebrew scholar in this part of the country. His theology was uncompromising in its Calvinism, in his preaching and in his life he would be at this day considered severe. In person he resembled Daniel Webster so much that he was often mistaken for that eminent statesman. He is usually spoken of as "Priest." Milligan. This adjective was, in earlier days, sometimes applied to a Prot-

estant minister whose eminent ability long exercised in one community, gave him an intellectual dictatorship. Rev. David Sutherland of Bath and Rev. Silas McKeen of Bradford are thus often designated. It is significant that two of these were natives of Scotland, and the third was of Scotch ancestry. Mr. Milligan's Sabbath services, being confined to the small group of Covenanting churches in this vicinity, caused him to be less generally known than the other two. He was one of the earliest abolitionists, his denunciations of slavery were uncompromising. His convictions were strong and he was unyielding in his views of right and wrong. As the record shows he was, in many particulars, in advance of his age, and was considered by the conservative wing of the Covenanters as a dangerous innovator. The degree of D. D. was conferred upon him by Jefferson Coll.; his three sons and several of his gr. sons received the same title. The descendants of Rev. James Milligan are a remarkable body of people, taking rank among the first citizens of every place where their lot has been cast. His talents, inherited by his children, were transmitted to their descendants, and with them the curious fact that his handwriting can hardly be distinguished from that of his sons and several of his grandsons. This unusual family seemed to justify a particular account in this volume, and in preparing their record the editor acknowledges the kind assistance of Revs. J. S. T., and E. M. Milligan. Prof. W. M. Sloane, President Blanchard of Wheaton Coll., Rev. N. R. Johnson, and Rev. D. C. Faris. Mr. Milligan purchased and lived for two years on the farm which had been that of Rev. Wm. Gibson; in 1819 he sold it to John Hall, and bought at the Four Corners in the Park neighborhood, where the road from So Ryegate to Peacham crosses that from the Corner to Groton. The cellar of the house is on the left hand going north. This farm was sold to Robert Dickson, Sr., who sold it to Coburn & Newton, it later became the property of Wm. N. Gibson, whose son Charles owns it now; about 1880 the house was taken down, the frame removed to So Ryegate, and stands opposite the railroad station, a building owned and used for a storehouse by Wm. Terry. So says Mr. John Gates. He m. 1821, Mary dau. of Elder Robert Trumbull, a Scotchman from Galloway, Scotland, who deserted from the British army and joined the American army, settling finally at Craftsbury, Vt. Mr. Trumbull m. Lucy Babcock of Mayflower stock and their dau Mrs. Milligan, b. 1790, was the first white child b. in Orleans Co. She d. at New Alexandria, Pa., May 30, 1856

Children all born in Ryegate:

- 1 I. ALEXANDER MCLEOD,² b. April 6, 1822.
- 2 II. MARGARET,² b. March, 1824.
- 3 III. JAMES SAURIN TURRETIN,² b. Aug. 26, 1826.
- 4 IV. JOHN CALVIN KNOX,² b. Feb. 1, 1829.
- V. ROBERT,² b. 1833; d. New Alexandria, Pa., 1843.
- VI. ARTSON² b. 1835, d. 1837.
- 1 ALEXANDER MCLEOD,² (James,¹) b. April 6, 1822; learned to read at the age of two; his father began to teach him Hebrew when he was four years old, he had read the Bible in Hebrew, and the Testament in Greek before he was 13. Attended Craftsbury Acad. several terms; rem. with parents to Pa. 1839; entered Western Univ. of Pa., 1841; trouble arose in the college, and some of the professors organized a new institution called Duquesne Coll., from which he grad. 1843; studied theology in the Ref. Pres. Theo. Sem. at Allegheny, Pa., under Rev. Jas. R. Wilson; grad. 1847; licensed by Pittsburgh Pres. April 14, 1847; ord. and ins. pastor of ch. at New Alexandria, Pa., Nov. 23, 1848; res. 1853; 3d Ref. Pres. ch. Philadelphia, 1853-'56; New Alexandria, Clarksburg and Greensburg, Pa., 1856-'66; ins. over Eighth St. Pittsburgh congregation May 14, 1866; preached his last sermon



REV. JAMES MILLIGAN.



REV. A. M. MILLIGAN.



REV. J. S. MILLIGAN.



REV. J. C. K. MILLIGAN.

COVENANTERS.

in New York City, March 9, 1884; went to Oakland, Cal., in fall of 1884, and returning d. May 7, 1885 on train in Wyoming, Ter., and was bur. at Pittsburgh, May 14, 1885. He was very prominent in the anti-slavery movement and was very violently assailed, twice burnt in effigy, twice assaulted by mobs and narrowly escaped with his life. He wrote a letter to John Brown while the latter was in jail at Charlestown, Va., which was answered by him the night before his execution. Rev. N. R. Johnston, once pastor of the Ref. Pres. ch. at Topsham, in "Looking Back from the Sunset Land," has much to say of Mr. Milligan. Rec degree of D. D., from Jefferson Coll., Canonsburg, Pa., in 1872. A memorial volume was published after his death. He m. 1st, in 1847, Ellen, dau. Hon. John Snodgrass of New Alexandria, who d. 1868. 2d, 1872, a Miss Stewart of the same place.

Of his children: Rev. A. M. Milligan, Jr.,³ pastor of the United Pres. ch. at Delancy, N. Y. Annie,³ m David Gregg of Pittsburgh, Pa. Rev. O. B. Milligan,³ was pastor of the Canton, O., Pres ch., where he d. 1908; he m. Miss Nannie Agnew of Pittsburgh, Pa. 2 daus. Of his dau's, Anna M.,³ m. John Gregg of Pittsburgh, Pa. Margaret Eleanor,³ (see later). Clara,³ m. Rev. David McFall of Poston who has been dead some yrs; 3 daus. Rachel,³ m. Rev. E. M. Milligan, D. D., q. v.

Margaret Eleanor,³ m Rev. Charles A. Blanchard, D. D., who in 1882, succeeded his father, Rev. Jonathan Blanchard, as president of Wheaton (Ill.) College. She has been dead some yrs. Ch. (1) Mary Belle,⁴ m. J. M. Weaver, now in the auditing dept. of the Panama R. R., Christobal, Canal Zone; 3 ch. (2) Julia Warden,⁴ librarian of Wheaton College. (3) Rachel G.,⁴ m. Harold Mackenzie, prin. of Forsyth, Montana high school. (4) Clara L.,⁴ m. L. B. King, Supervisor of Manual Training in the city schools of Canton, Ill.; 2 ch.

2 MARGARET,² (James,¹) b. March, 1824; m. Oct. 1849 Rev. J. R. W. Sloane (b. Topsham, Vt., May 29, 1823; d. March 6, 1886 at Allegheny, now Pittsburgh, Pa. She d. Oct. 1855. His father, Rev. Wm. Sloane, s. of Wm. and Jane (Robinson) Sloane, both from Ayr. in Scotland, was b. at Lorne, Ireland, 1786; m. in 1816, Mary, dau. of Hugh McNeice. He was at that time head master of a school at Carmony, Ireland, and she one of his pupils. Came to Am. 1816 via Quebec, studied theology at Coldenham, N. Y., called to Topsham 1817 or 1818; ord. minister of Ref. Pres. congregation in 1819; he lived where Miss Mae J. Merritt now lives, within a mile of Topsham Vil. The house has been little changed since his time. He was a scholar, a profound theologian and student and his influence upon his generation in Topsham was very great. With them or later, came her brother, Robert McNeice and settled in Topsham. Left T. 1830; pastor Greenfield, O., 1830-1840; Elkhorn, Ill., 1840, till d. 1863 on his farm in Worrison, where his gr. son still lives.

Nine children of whom James R. Wilson Sloane was the 3d. He was educated at Cadiz, O.: grad. Jefferson Coll., Canonsburg, O.; was president successively of Richmond and Geneva Colleges, Ohio, pastor of 3d Ref. Pres. ch., N. Y. City; of the 2d Ref. Pres. ch. Allegheny, and Prof. of Theology in the Ref. Pres. Theo. Sem. 1868-1886. He was widely known as an anti-slavery orator throughout the northern states, an eloquent pleader for the cause of the slave, associated with Phillips, Garrison, Pillsbury and others. During the draft riots in New York City his life was in great danger, but he refused to leave his post and was unhurt. His biography was prepared by his son, Prof. Wm. M. Sloane.

Rev. Dr. Sloane and Margaret (Milligan) had two children, a dau. who d. in infancy and a son, William Milligan,³ b. Richmond, Ohio, Nov. 12, 1850; grad. Columbia Univ. 1868; studied in Germany; secretary to the historian Bancroft while the latter was Minister to Germany;

Prof. of History in Princeton Univ., 1875-'96; editor of Princeton Review 1886-'89; president of the National Institute of Arts and Letters; Prof. of History in Columbia Univ., 1896 to date; LL.D. from Rutgers Coll., and Princeton Univ. In addition to many contributions to magazine literature upon historical subjects, Prof. Sloane is the author of "Life of Rev. J. R. W. Sloane," "Life of President McCosh," "The French Revolution," "Life of Napoleon Bonaparte," 4 vols. The latter has passed through several editions and has been translated into other languages. Professor Sloane is one of the most eminent of American men of letters. He m. Mary Espey Johnston. Ch. (1) Mary Renwick,⁴ (Mrs. Joseph Livingston Delafield) who has one son. (2) James Renwick,⁴ a lawyer in N. Y. City. (3) Francis Johnston,⁴ a physician there. (4) Margaret Milligan.⁴

- 3 JAMES SAURIN TURRETIN,² (James,¹) b. Aug. 26, 1826; grad. Geneva Coll., then located at Northwood, Ohio, 1852; pastor of Ref. Pres. ch. at Southfield, Mich., Nov. 11, 1853-April 11, 1871; pastor at North Cedar, Jackson Co., Kansas, from Oct. 8, 1872 till 1891; res. Pittsburgh, Pa., and still occasionally preaching. He visited Scotland and the Continent in 1896. Rec. degree of D. D., from Geneva College in 1901. He m. Jane T. Johnston. 9 chil. of whom (1) Rev. J. R. J. Milligan,³ D.D., is pastor of 1st Pres. ch. Pontiac, Mich. He m. Annie Mahaffy. 2 daus., one, Margaret,⁴ living. (2) Knox McL.,³ farmer in Dennison, Kansas. (3) Samuel Cargill,³ physician at Pittsburgh, Pa. Of their daus. (4) Mary Ellen,³ m. Rev. D. D. Robertson of Oban, Scotland, who has been d. some years. One dau. now with her mother, missionaries at Assiut, Egypt. (See later.)

- 4 JOHN CALVIN KNOX,² (James,¹) b. Jan. 1, 1829, educated in com. sch.'s of New Alexandria, Pa.; studied the classics under the care of Mr. William R. Acheson at Allegheny; grad. Western Univ. of Pa., now the University of Pittsburgh 1848. Studied theology one year in Cincinnati Seminary; in the spring of 1849 he became principal of Geneva Coll., and professor of mathematics. At the same time studying theology in Northwood Seminary. Licensed April 16, 1852 by the Lakes Presbytery; ordained by same at Utica, O., May 12, 1852; installed co-pastor of 1st Miami congregation, Northwood, O., July 1, 1853; res. professorate and congregation. April 20, 1858, and ins. pastor of the Ref. Pres. congregation, N. Y. City; re . 1891, and entered the United Pres. ch., took charge of a mission station out of which came the Washington Heights U. P. ch. of which he was pastor till death, Oct. 20, 1906. Bur. Woodlawn cem., N. Y., City. In the Ref. Pres. ch. he was connected with its missionary and educational interests; chairman of the Board of Superintendents of the Theo. Sem. several yrs.; established and was editor of "Our Banner," 1874-1890; moderator of the Synod of 1870; in the U. P. ch., member of the Interdenominational Psalmody Com.; degree of D.D., from Univ. of Pittsburgh 1870. Visited Scotland, 1876. He m. Oct. 3, 1854, Rachel Ward Farrington of Newburgh, N. Y., who d. Dec. 15, 1899, and a son, John Calvin, Dec. 30, 1908. He contributed articles frequently to various newspapers and magazines, and some of his sermons and addresses were published in pamphlet form, several of which have been reprinted.

His surviving chil. are: (1) Mary Eva (Mrs Wm. S. Rusk, N. Y. City) (2) Ezra M. (see later.) (3) Frederick Eugene, un-m.; merchant at Boston, Mass. (4) Anna Margaret (Mrs. John J. Anderson, N. Y. City.) (5) Nett Farrington (Mrs. F. N. Sanford, N. Y. City.)

Of his gr. chil., Wm. A. Rusk was an officer in the 71st N. Y., d. of yellow fever while with his reg. in Cuba. Clarence S. Rusk mem. of same reg. res. in New Haven, Ct.

NOTE. A fine set of the Life of Napoleon in four large vols., illustrated by 390 reproductions of famous paintings is in the library at Newbury,

REV. EZRA McLEOD,³ D. D., s. of Rev. J. C. K. Milligan was pastor some years of the Ref. Pres. congregation, Parnassus, Pa.; U. P. cong. at Stubenville, O., 1891-'95; Sewickley, Pa., U. P. cong. 1895 to date. He m. his cousin Rachel, dau. Rev. A. M. Milligan. 5 sons. McLeod,⁴ and Fred in Westminster Coll. John,⁴ Treasurer's Dept. P. R. R. Two younger sons preparing for college.

At the editor's solicitation, Rev. J. S. T. Milligan has added these personal reminiscences, written in a clear and beautiful handwriting, which a young man might envy:

My father, Rev. James Milligan and his Session, with Dr. Perry, organized the first Total Abstinence Society in Caledonia Co., possibly in the State of Vermont. He graduated in medicine under Dr. Rush in Philadelphia, and gave the benefit of his medical skill without charge to his congregation and neighbors. He gave many young men a start in their literary career both in Vt. and in Pa. He prepared his three sons for college and seminary so that Alexander graduated in one year, James and John each in two years. My sister Margaret [Mrs. Sloane] was as well versed in Hebrew, Greek and English literature as any of her brothers and was a most successful principal in Rutland, O., Female Academy, and the Geneva Female Seminary at Northwood, Ohio. My father's three sons and one daughter read with him the Pentateuch in Hebrew, and the Greek Testament several times. He prepared seven young men for college and seminary during his ten years pastorate at New Alexandria.

In Ryegate our neighbors were three Nelson families, two Smiths, Gibsons, Halls and two Park families. A Mrs. Henderson was a special favorite with us, as were her children. The Corruths and Aikens were both neighbors, and members of the congregation. I think my brother Alexander was considered the most popular preacher in the Ref. Pres. ch. in his day, and my brother John the ripest scholar. I was fairly successful as a preacher and debater, was pastor in Mich., of one congregation 19 yrs. and in Kansas 21 yrs. Each of these built fine church buildings, and became the largest in their counties under my ministry. Since coming into the United Pres. ch. I have been pastor of but one congregation, which doubled its membership in the five yrs. of my ministry. Since coming to Pittsburgh, as I have done for my wife's health, and to make a home for my four daughters, who are teachers, I have supplied two congregations four years each and am still conducting two informal weekly services, though in my 86th year. I am the last of my father's family, and older than any of them ever became. My wife had five brothers who were college graduates. Three of them entered the ministry, one became a physician, another received the title of Ph. D. from a German Univ., and became a Prof. of Modern Languages in Portland Coll., Oregon, and another, Rev. W. P. Johnston, was president of Geneva Coll., 26 years. Seven of our children are college graduates, all are church members, and all are useful members of society.

Yours very sincerely,

J. S. T. MILLIGAN.

Pittsburgh, Pa., March 15, 1912.

MILLIS.

WESLEY J.,¹ b. Johnson, Vt., March 18, 1835: enlisted in regular army, 1st Cav. May 11, 1858; was in several battles; honorably dis. at end of five yrs. term of service. He m. 1st, May 2, 1865, Phebe Goodwin of Groton; she d. Jan. 15, 1885. He m. 2d, Oct. 22, 1891, Isabel Hooper of Groton. They came to R. and lived with his dau till his death, Oct. 23, 1907.

Children all by 1st marriage.

- i. Andrew J.,² b. March 17, 1870.
- ii. Ellen M.,² b. July 9, 1872; m. Nov. 20, 1895, Amasa L., s. of Jacob and Isabel [Welch] Hooper (b. Groton, July 3, 1870.) Ch. (1) Margaret E.,³ (Hooper) b. Groton, Sept. 9, 1896. (3) Nelson A.,³ (Hooper) b. Peacham, July 14 1898.

MILLIS.

ANDREW J. MILLIS,¹ and Ellen F. Kerwin were m. at Manchester, N. H., Aug. 1, 1850. They came to R. 1868 and bought the farm on Conn. River road where Walter Renfrew has lately lived, where he d. Jan. 1899, and she d. Feb. 22, 1896.

Children all b. Manchester, N. H.

- i. Lizzie,² b. May 17, 1851; m. R. Burns Nelson, q. v.
- ii. Myron J.,² b. Sept. 19, 1853.
- iii. George A.,² b. Nov. 19, 1855; d. Oct. 9, 1898.

MILLS.

SAMUEL,¹ s. of Robert and Jane [Forrest] Mills b. Rutherglen, Scotland, Dec 25, 1818; learned the blacksmith trade there. He m. April 16, 1847 Elizabeth Laird of Houston (b. Feb. 28, 1824). They sailed for America July 29, 1848, were five weeks on the voyage, landing in Boston, came at once to Topsham where her sister lived; blacksmith at Chelsea one year and at Topsham 25 yrs. Came to So. Ryegate 1872, and worked at his trade till old age. Members of Ref. Pres. ch. in Scotland and Topsham and an elder in the Topsham ch. Original members of 1st Pres. ch. So. Ryegate. Delegate to the General Assembly 1889 and active in church work. He d. April 2, 1903; she d. Aug. 10, 1909.

Children all but the first, born in Topsham.

- i. Elizabeth,² b. Eaglesham, Scot., April 18, 1848; d. Topsham, May 29, 1864.
- ii. Jane Forrest,² b. April 15, 1850; m. Nov. 17, 1870, Rev. Jacob Mills, a native of Topsham. Meth. minister at Helena, Montana. Ch. (1) Rev. Edward Laird Mills,³ of Helena. (2) George D.,³ a ranchman at Gage, Mont. (3) Edith Forrest,³ a graduate of Wellesley Coll.; teacher in the Univ. of Montana at Helena.
- iii. Forrest Robert,² b. Sept. 27, 1852; foreman in the boiler dept. of N. Y. and N. H. R. R. shops, Boston, Mass. He m. Oct. 13, 1875, Mary E. Craig of Topsham. He d. Feb. 17, 1907.
- iv. James Laird,² b. May 7, 1857; farmer in Newbury, near Wells River. He m. Oct. 18, 1883, Nellie C., dau. L. H. Scales of Newbury. Ch. Vera, a stenographer at East Ryegate.
- v. Samuel,² b. Feb. 20, 1861; blacksmith at So. Ryegate; town rep. 1910. He m. Sept. 7, 1892, Mary E. Perham of Brookfield. Ch. Samuel P.,³ grad. St. J. Acad.; now in Vt. Univ.
- vi. Charles Sumner,² b. July 17, 1863; formerly general foreman N. Y. and N. H. R. R. shops, Norwood, Mass.; m. Sept. 27, 1892, Lizzie A. dau. A. H. Park of R. Res. Townsend, Vt. One dau., Margaret P., now in Middlebury College.
- vii. Frederick John,² b. April 28, 1865; grad. Vt. Univ.; went to Idaho, and became a civil engineer. Member of both House and Senate of Idaho legislature and elected Lieutenant Governor; res. Los Angeles, Cal. He m. April 29, 1893, Laura J. E. Hoff. 2 sons, Fred,³ and Bruce,³.

NOTE. So far as I can ascertain Samuel Mills was the only native of Scotland whose Christian name was Samuel who settled in either Ryegate, Barnet or Newbury, and the name is almost never found among people of Scotch ancestry, excepting the Scotch-Irish.—EDITOR.

MILLS.

So many Ryegate people are descended from the Mills family of Newbury and Topsham that the record of its earlier members is here given, by request. (See further in History of Newbury).

- I. ROBERT,¹ from the n. of Ireland, settled in Chester, N. H., about 1720.
 - II. JOHN,¹ m. Susan Ferrier of Chester,
 - III. JOHN,¹ served in the French and Indian war; was a grantee of Haverhill, N. H., but settled in Newbury, on the farm now owned by Wm. W. Brock at So. N., and built about 1780, the house usually called the Davenport house. He served also in the Revolutionary war. Married a dau. of Archibald McDuffie. Several chil. of whom
 - IV. ARCHIBALD McDUFFIE,¹ b. Sept. 13, 1775; m. Dec. 4, 1800, Anna Aiken; rem. to Topsham about 1818 and settled on the farm now owned by Joseph Hastings and are buried on that farm. He d. April 6, 1865; she d. May 8, 1870. Members of Ref. Pres. ch. at Topsham.
Children:
 - i. William,² b. Nov. 7, 1802; m. Aug. 27, 1829, Esther, dau. Adam Dickey.
 - ii. Jacob,² b. March 30, 1805; m. Jan. 22, 1829, Marion, dau. Adam Dickey.
 - iii. Archibald,² b. March 4, 1807; d. 1894; m. Jan. 8, 1832, Sarah A., dau. Samuel Eastman.
 - 1 iv. Calvin,² b. June 26, 1809.
 - v. Caroline,² b. June 8, 1813; m. a Mr. Dickey.
 - vi. Horace,² b. Nov. 30, 1815; m. Jane Batchelder.
 - vii. Joseph,² b. March 6, 1817; m. 2d, Nancy Felch.
 - viii. John,² b. March 5, 1820; d. y.
 - ix. Hiram,² b. April 17, 1825; d. Oct. 12, 1905; m. Jane E., dau., James Forsyth (b. Topsham, April 11, 1829; d. Jan. 1, 1902.)
- The Mills brothers were carpenters of rare skill, and they probably erected more buildings in this vicinity than any equal number of men.
- CALVIN,² (Archibald Mc,¹) b. Newbury, June 26, 1809; rem. to Topsham with parents; settled where Henry Leet lives; farmer and carpenter. He m. March 14, 1839, Mary, dau. James Forsyth (b. Medford, Mass., Dec. 5, 1826; d. Winchester, Mass., Jan. 5, 1897.) He d. Topsham, March 22, 1891.
Children all born in Topsham.
 - i. Elizabeth,³ b. March 2, 1842; d. Dec. 23, 1843.
 - ii. Caroline,³ b. Sept. 18, 1845; m. in Newbury, Sept. 30, 1868, Henry Leet; she d. in T. Nov. 23, 1878. Ch. Frank and Cora.
 - iii. Rose Ann,³ b. July 9, 1847; m. in T. Nov. 30, 1871, Horace Randall. Ch. Harry, and Minnie, who m. Rev. John A. McClelland.
 - iv. Ora Victoria,³ b. June 28, 1849; m. at Fall River, Mass., May 25, 1881, George F. Chace.
 - v. Elizabeth,³ b. Sept. 21, 1851; m. at Manchester, N. H., May 15, 1873, Charles W. Hanson.
 - vi. Maila,³ b. Jan. 19, 1854; m. Wm. T. George, q. v.
 - vii. Harry,³ b. Sept. 23, 1859; d. April 17, 1866.
 - viii. Mary Ella,³ b. June 6, 1862; m. Barnet, Aug. 30, 1888, Jared Thornton. 1 ch.
- LESTER J.,³ (Hiram,² Archibald,¹) b. Topsham, Oct. 17, 1858; farmer. He m. in Durham, P. Q., June 6, 1881, Isabella, dau. Wm. Bell, b. in Scotland, and Elizabeth [McDougall] b. in Durham. Came to Ryegate in 1886; res. in Dist. No. 6.
Children:
 - i. John Perley,⁴ b. Newbury, Nov. 10, 1882.
 - ii. Ollie Earnest,⁴ b. Bradford, June 20, 1884; d. in hospital, Hanover, Oct. 13, 1891.
 - iii. Daisy Bell,⁴ b. Ryegate, June 24, 1887.
 - iv. Alice Lena,⁴ b. Ryegate, Feb. 26, 1890.
 - v. Grace Inez,⁴ b. Ryegate, Nov. 18, 1892.

MOORE.*

- I. DEA. JAMES,¹ b in the n. of Ireland 1702 of Scotch parentage; educated at Edinburgh, Scotland; m. Agnes Colbreth; came to Boston 1727; one year in Concord, Mass.; bought a right of land in Suncook (now Pembroke) 1729, of Joseph Farrar; claimed that his family was the 2d to settle in Pembroke; built the 1st framed house, lately occupied by his gt. gr. son, Samuel Emery. He was well educated, and sometimes preached; d. March 11, 1779; 10 children.
 - II. ROBERT,² b. 1749; Rev. sol., in Capt. McConnell's Co. of Col. Daniel Moore's regiment; must. in, 1776. He m. Ruhannah, dau. Rev. Daniel Mitchell of Pembroke (b. 1749; d. Jan. 16, 1836.) He d. Jan. 1829.
 - III. NATHANIEL,¹ b. Pembroke, N. H., 1779; left home at 21 yrs.; lived in Dorchester a few years, came to Ryegate 1813, and bought what is known as the McCole farm on the old county road, which was afterward changed to the present river road; this he sold to Mr. McCole and bought the Rev. James McClay farm on the river road; sold this and bought the next farm north called the Hugh Kelsey farm which he cleared and built the house now there, where H. K. Moore died; sold this and bought what was called the Robert Gilfillan farm which had originally 174 acres, where his grandsons Fred and Henry Moore live. He m. in Sanbornton, N. H., 1805, Dorothy, dau. Jacob and Susan [Shepherd] Bamford of Boscawen, N. H., (b. Sanbornton, 1784; d. Aug. 10, 1863.) He d. Ryegate, Sept. 24, 1845; both bur. at McIndoes. Dorothy (Bamford) Moore lived in Sanbornton till she was m., reared a family of 12 chil. to be men and women, was a faithful wife and tender mother, besides being skilled in all the household arts of the time in which she lived. Her descendants venerate her memory.
- Children:
- i. Nancy,² b. Sanbornton, N. H., 1805; m. Sept. 3, 1830, Daniel Sherburne of Lyman, N. H.; d. 1852; bur. McIndoes. He (b. 1803; d. 1859 and bur. Northfield, Minn.
- Children:
1. Mary B.,³ [Sherburne] b. 1832; d. un-m. 1855.
 2. Susan S.,³ [Sherburne] b. 1833; m. C. R. White of Rutland, Vt. Ch. Frank,⁴ who d. at 24. Morris,⁴ b. 1876, Hastings, Minn. Res. Los Angeles, Cal
 3. William B.,³ [Sherburne] b. 1836; m. Christie Warden of Bath; d. 1900 and bur. Valley City, No. Dak. She d. before him, bur. Hastings, Minn.
 4. DeForest L.,³ [Sherburne] b. 1838; m. 1885, Katherine Spencer (b. San Francisco, 1855; d. 1890 at Los Angeles, Cal.) Res. Los Angeles. No ch.
 5. Lucy,³ [Sherburne] b. 1843; m. 1868, Walter K. Bowker, who d. 1869. Ch. Walter K.,⁴ b. Jan. 1869; m. 1890, Harriet Boquest. Ch. Lucy,⁵ Walter,⁵ Harry,⁵ Frank,⁵ Victor,⁵ Harriet.⁵ Res. Los Angeles, Cal.
 - ii. Sarah,² b. Sanbornton, N. H., 1807; d. un-m., at Saugatuck, Mich., 1860.
 - iii. Jacob B.,² b. Dorchester, N. H., 1809; left home at 18; learned stone cutters trade in Boston; went south and built a bank at Natchez, Miss.; went to Texas and engaged in the fur business with Gen. Sam Houston, going to No. Alaska to buy furs; rem. there six yrs.; ret. and enlisted in the Texan war; served as a ranger under Col. Hayes; after the war went into mining and lumber bus in Cal., from there to Slippery Ford, Nev., where he d. 1877, and bur. there. Never m.
 - 1 iv. Samuel A.,² b. Jan. 29, 1811.
 - v. Susan Shepherd,² b. Dorchester, N. H., April 21, 1812; m. 1840, Wm. H. Moore of Danville, Vt. She d. Aug. 30, 1862 at D., and bur. there. (He m. 2d, a dau. of Hon. Bliss N. Davis; d. and bur. at Brodhead, Wis., 1895).

* Prepared by H. D. Moore, Allegan, Mich.

Children:

1. Horace B.,³ b. May 7, 1842; m. 1868, Mary Porter of Douglas, Mich. Res. Duluth, Minn., where he d. Dec. 23, 1906; bur. Brodhead. No ch.
2. Julia D.,³ b. Nov. 9, 1845; m. Sept. 3, 1871, at Brodhead, Wis., John J. Putnam, who d. at Ft. Worth, Texas and bur. there. She res. Ft. Worth. Ch. (a) John J.,³ [Putnam] b. Decatur, Wis., Aug. 9, 1872; res. near Ft. Worth. (b) Sophia,⁴ [Putnam] b. Decatur, March 22, 1874; m. Sterling B. Clark; res. Ft. Worth. Ch. Mattie Belle,⁵ b. Nov. 21, 1900; d. Dec. 1901. Julia Mabel,⁵ b. Dec. 14, 1901. Sterling Putnam,⁵ b. Sept. 7, 1903. (c) Will C.,⁴ [Putnam] b. Ft. Worth, Texas, Aug. 3, 1876. (d) Julia B.,⁴ [Putnam] b. Ft. Worth, Dec. 23, 1880; d. Aug. 25, 1881. (e) Wonety B.,⁴ [Putnam] b. Fort Worth, Sept. 14, 1882.
3. Henry Howe,³ b. Aug. 28, 1846; d. Sept. 21, 1848.
4. Arabella V.,³ b. March 24, 1853; m. Aug. 22, 1876, Franklin B. Derrick at Brodhead, Wis. Ch. Susan B.,⁴ b. Sept. 1883; d. May 5, 1884.
- vi. Hugh Kelsey,² b. Ryegate, March 7, 1815; m. Sarah, dau. John Whitehill; d. June 7, 1893. She d. at W. Peabody, Mass., March, 1901; bur. McIndoes. Two daus. both d.; all bur. McIndoes. Ch. (1) Corilla,³ b. 1848; m. Henry McCole, q. v. (2) Martha,³ b. 1869; d. 1883.
- 2 vii. Alanson S.,² b. Aug. 29, 1816.
- viii. Esther J.,² b. Ryegate, 1818; m. 1st, Moses Craven of W. Danville, Vt; went to Mich., 1856; same fall Craven went to Pike's Peak, never heard of after.; m. 2d, a Mr. Hemmingway of Chicago, who d.; 3d, m. Mr. Haynes of Cadillac, Mich., who d. in 2 yrs.; 4th, to Mr. Allen of Otsego, Mich., who lived only 2 yrs.; 5th, to Mr. Lowe of Otsego, whom she survived several years. She d. Allegan, Mich., Dec. 1906, and bur. there. No ch.
- ix. John Bamford,² b. Ryegate, Feb. 16, 1820; went to Cal. about 1850, gone about eight yrs.; m. Antoinette M., dau. Dea. Ezekiel Larrabee of E. Livingston, Me.; went to Mich., in lumber bus. at Salem, Mich., some yrs; rem. to Monterey, Mich., where he d. 1895; She d. at Allegan, 1908; both bur. Allegan. No ch.
- 3 x. Horace Duncan,² b. June 14, 1821.
- xi. Julia Ann,² b. Ryegate, April 13, 1823; m. 1846, Joseph Varney of No. Danville, Vt.; went to Muskegon, Mich., afterwards to Winona, Minn.; ret. to Mich., many yrs., later. Mr. V. d. and she m. 2d, John Martin of Otsego, Mich., now dea. Two ch., the eldest d. in Muskegon. She lived with her son, Frank H. Varney in Los Angeles, Cal., and d. at the age of 86; bur. Allégan.
- 4 xii. Robert Mitchell,² b. April 12, 1831.
- 1 SAMUEL ATKINSON,² (Nathaniel,¹) b. Dorchester, N. H., Jan. 29, 1811; came with parents to Ryegate, 1813; in lumber business and farming from the age of 14; owned mills at McIndoes and Dodge's Falls about 30 years, taking lumber in rafts down the Connecticut to Long Island Sound. Ret. 1864 and purchased the Geo. A. Merrill house on Eastern Ave., St. Johnsbury; rem. to Wells River 1868, buying the Col. James Buchanan house, and the mills of the Wells River Lumber Co.; in lumber business till death. A very large, muscular man of resolute will. He knew the personal history of all the old people of Ryegate, and had a rare fund of stories of its eccentric characters, which should have been preserved. He m. Jan. 29, 1846, Lillias, dau. Andrew Buchanan (b. June 9, 1817.) He d. March 3, 1894; she d. St. Paul, Minn., April 5, 1909.
- Children:
- 5 i. John Atkinson,³ b. Jan. 13, 1847.
- ii. Jean Dorothy,³ b. Nov. 29, 1849; m. Charles Joy, who d. St. Paul, 1905. Ch. Samuel J.,⁴ Charles P.,⁴ Lillias Ann⁴
- iii. Lillias Ann,³ b. June 27, 1852; m. Dr. James R. Nelson, q. v.

- 2 ALANSON S.,² (Nathaniel,¹) b. Ryegate, Aug. 29, 1816; went to California by the Nicaragua route 1850 was yard master for Dorsey & Co., lumber manufacturers at San Francisco; ret. to Ryegate, and was a very successful farmer, owning one of the largest farms in town; he was in business with his brothers, Samuel and Horace. In politics a Free Soiler, then Republican; town representative, 1872; he had his lower jaw badly broken in 1836 at Scott's lower saw mill at Wells River, where the electric light station now is. It was a bad break and several doctors failed to help him much, but Leonard Gale fitted him with an invention of his own. He helped build half the dam at Canoe Falls in 1837. He m. May 25, 1855, Laura J., dau. Robert G. Nelson, q. v., (b. Lyman, N. H., Aug. 7, 1825; d. Dec. 10, 1905.) He d. Dec. 8, 1897.

Children:

- i. Frank Hale,³ b. March 8, 1856; is d.
 - ii. Charles Sumner,³ b. May 30, 1858; went to Cal., 1879, ret. 1887; lives in Cal.
 - iii. Alfred Kelsey,³ b. Sept. 4, 1859; farmer on homestead.
 - iv. Henry McCole, b. Aug. 25, 1863; farmer on homestead.
- 3 HORACE DUNCAN,² (Nathaniel,¹) b. Ryegate, June 14, 1821; left home at 18; att. Peacham and Lyndon Acad's for a short time; worked for his bro. Samuel 4 yrs., for Scott Bros., Wells River 4 yrs., for Gen. R. M. Richardson at Wells River one year; in part ownership with the latter 8 yrs. Went to Michigan, 1854, settled at Saugatuck, near mouth of Kalamazoo river; built lumber mill, and bought tract of timber; in lumber bus. 20 yrs., with lumber yard at Kenosha, Wis.; rem. to Allegan, Mich., 1884. He m. 1864, Tamar W., only dau. Boyd W. Phillips of Allegan, where they live.

Children:

- i. Winona,³ b. Saugatuck, Oct. 18, 1865; m. 1st, Oct. 17, 1887, A. Mahew Sherwood of Allegan, who d. Dec. 22, 1894. 2d, Nov. 11, 1902, Artus W. Sherwood, bro. of first hus. Ch. (by 1st m.) (1) Mignon Moore,⁴ b. March 17, 1889. (2) Horace Mayhew,⁴ b. March 25, 1894.
 - ii. Maude,³ b. March 15, 1868; d. June, 1871; bur. Saugatuck.
 - iii. Pearl W.,³ b. Kenosha, Wis., Oct. 3, 1872; m. June 8, 1898, J. S. Gray of Chatham, Can. Ch. Muriel Eleanor,⁴ b. Jan. 8, 1902.
 - iv. Pansy Dorothy,³ b. Saugatuck. July 21, 1877; m. Oct. 31, 1899, Sidney Beach Tremble of Chicago, who was accidentally shot and killed Nov. 1908. Ch. (1) Sidney Beach,⁴ b. July 8, 1901. (2) Dorothy Helen,⁴ b. Dec. 13, 1907.
- 4 ROBERT MITCHELL,² b. Ryegate, April 12, 1831; m. 1st. 1857, Mary Jane, dau. Dea. Willard Gill of McIndoes. Went west locating at Hamilton, Mich., in lumber bus., also built a flour mill there; transferred his business to Douglas, Mich., on the Kalamazoo river, in flour and lumber bus. there several years; closed out his bus. there and with his oldest son, Charles W., located and invested extensively in Louisiana cypress timber; founded the Berwick Lumber Co. building mills and making lumber; later, sold out, and with his son bought in the Ramos Lumber Co.; was also interested in Colorado silver mines. Six chil. by 1st m., who all d. young, except the oldest son, Charles W., who was his partner in bus., and who d. at Saugatuck, Mich., May 5, 1907; bur. Hamilton, Mich. Mary J., wife of Robert M. Moore, d. Nov. 5, 1880; bur. at Hamilton, Mich., by her chil. He m. 2d, Jan. 27, 1883, Ada Stratton of Chicago, Ill., who d. 1902 at the family home at Holland, Mich. He d. there 1904; bur. at Holland.

Children by 2d marriage:

- i. Robert Mitchell,³ b. June 5, 1885; m. Aug. 1907, Emily Thorpe of Chicago.
- ii. Leah Moore,³ b. April 8, 1889; res. Holland, Mich.

- 5 JOHN ATKINSON,³ (Samuel A.,² Nathaniel,¹) b. Jan. 13, 1847; in clothing bus. at St. Johnsbury; d. Asheville, N. C., Feb. 18, 1898; bur. at St. J. He m. Kate, dau. Hiram Hill.

Children:

- i. John Hiram,⁴ b. March 4, 1872
- ii. Lillias Ida,⁴ b. June 24, 1874; d. Dec. 10, 1888.
- iii. Samuel A.,⁴ b. Sept. 22, 1876. Merchant at St. Johnsbury.
- iv. Marion F.,⁴ b. June 20, 1879.
- v. Hartwell D.,⁴ b. April 21, 1882.
- vi. Andrew B.,⁴ b. Aug. 31, 1885.
- vii. Frederick,⁴ b. Sept. 24, 1888.
- viii. Joseph Hill,⁴ b. Jan. 4, 1891.

MOORE.

RICHARD,¹ was a cousin of Nathaniel Moore (see previous record) and was b at Pembroke, N. H.; settled in Bow, N. H., but seems to have come to R., by Mr. Miller's account.

His children were Richard,² (see later,) David,² Moses,² a soldier in the war of 1812; Hannah,² b. at Bow, 1772; m. William Nelson,² q. v., and Martha,² who m. Alexander Buchanan of Barnet and was the mother of Mrs. Peter Gibson and Mrs. Wm. McColl, both of Ryegate.

RICHARD,² (Richard,¹) b. Pembroke, N. H., was brought up by Robert² Nelson and m. Lucy Scarrett of Conn. He settled in Lyman, N. H. Six children, of whom Harry³ was the oldest.

HARRY,³ (Richard,² Richard,¹) b. Lyman, Nov. 24, 1809; came to Ryegate, 1831, and went into business with Nathaniel Batchelder, leasing the Robert Whitelaw tannery, which they carried on a few yrs. In 1843 he went into partnership with John Gibson, and they bought the Peters tannery and harness making at the Corner, conducting the business there till about 1858; rem. to McIndoes 1859 and was station agent several years. Held several town offices and was Assistant Judge of Caledonia Co. Court. Member of Cons. Con., 1843 and 1850. He m. Dec. 29, 1836, Marion, dau. Robert² Gibson (b. Oct. 18, 1809; d. McIndoes, Nov. 5, 1869.) He d. Jan. 29, 1883.

Children:

- i. Mary,⁴ b. Ryegate, 1849; m. Hon. Wm. H. Gilchrist of McIndoes, where she d. Jan. 12, 1896. One ch. d. in infancy.

MORRILL.

EBENEZER,¹ Morrill came from Methuen, Mass., and lived in Danville for a time. He m. 1st., a Miss McLane. He and his brother Manning were in company in the stage business, carrying on a line of stages from Haverhill to Stanstead. This record is by Mr. Miller. Mr. Morrill came to Ryegate about 1820 and bought the Josiah Page farm; staid about two years, went back to D., ret. in 1825, and kept tavern where the great elm south of the Corner marks the site. There were formerly two of these elms, one on each side of the main entrance. He built the brick house for a tavern in 1830, finishing it in 1831; was also farmer and blacksmith.

Children:

- i. John,² (called Jack) b. Danville, 1815; m. Minerva Dole of D., ab. 1841, who d. and he m. 2d, Martha (Dole) who m. 1st, David Nelson, and 2d, John Cameron. He kept tavern in the brick house about 1837, for a few years, then went to Charleston, Vt. No chil.
- ii. William,² b. Danville, 1818; came to R., built a store and began trade about 1837; in Oct. 1839, he and Joshua Bailey of Newbury began to keep tavern and were burned out in Dec. following. He m. ab. 1852, Nancy, dau. Moses Clark of Newbury (b. March 19, 1835).

- iii. Alfred,² b. Ryegate, 1824; m. in Aug. 1852, Lucia Wheeler of Durham, P. Q. Went west and served in the Civil war in Co. H, 44th Wisconsin, and was in the army of the Cumberland; lived also in Canada, but for many of his later years in Benton, N. H. Mr. Morrill is one of the oldest native residents of Ryegate; remembers well James Whitelaw and William Nelson and has given interesting particulars for this volume.
- iv. Charles,² b. ab. 1827; settled at St. Johnsbury.

MORRISON.

Tradition says that the Morrisons are of Norwegian ancestry, and settled in the Island of Lewis on the west coast of Scotland. The name is said to be derived from the Gaelic "Mhor," meaning famous, and the addition of son, meaning "Son of the mighty one." It is believed that all of the name in No. America are descended from this family, the earliest coming to New Haven 1663, others in Canada, Pa., Va., N. H., and Georgia.

ANGUS Morrison, a farmer, lived at Vatisken, Island of Lewis, in the Hebrides, on the west coast of Scotland. His sons were Kenneth, William and John who were farmers and fishermen, and a dau. Isabel. Kenneth,¹ had 4 sons,—Alexander,² Murdoch,² Angus,² and Donald.² The first and last rem. on the Island. Murdoch and Angus came to Canada and settled at Dell, Quebec. He also had 2 daus. Katherine came to Canada with her bros., m. Norman McDonald, and has a family.

MURDOCK,² (Kenneth,¹) b. Island of Lewis; came to Canada and settled at Dell, P. Q.; m. in Scotland, Isabel McIver. He d. at Dell, July 2, 1887; his 2d w. was Marion McIver. They were of the sturdy Gaelic speaking stock.

Children:

- i. Kenneth,³ b. Scotland; lived at one time in Groton; res. Dell, P. Q.
- ii. Katharine,³ b. Scotland, d. Lakeport, N. H.
- iii. Murdock,³ b. Scotland; came to Am. when a young man; lumberman, then quarryman on Blue Mt., ab. 8 yrs., then leased a quarry of M. H. Gibson for 10 yrs., in Co. with Murdock & A. D. Morrison. The two latter withdrew. Norman and Murdock McKenzie and D. A. Morrison came into the Co. The two former withdrew and later D. A. Morrison, who dropped out later, Murdock finishing the lease alone in fall of 1910; res. Vancouver, B. C., un-m.
- iv. John,³ b. Dell, P. Q., March 15, 1875; came to Vt., 1894; granite cutter at So. R. He m. Nov. 21, 1901, Bertha J., dau. John McColl. Member of 1st Pres. ch. In 1910 they bought a farm in Barnet and rem. there. Naturalized June 10, 1902.

ANGUS,² (Kenneth,¹) b. Island of Lewis; came to Am. when 15 yrs. old, settled at Limerick, Compton Co., P. Q., where he has a large farm. He m. Jan. 4, 1872, Cristy, dau. Rory and Margaret Murry (b. Lewis; came to Canada when 4 yrs. old, one of a fam. of 10 chil.) Members of the Pres. ch. at Dell, P. Q., and all the family speak Gaelic.

Children:

- i. Kenneth,³ b. Aug. 12, 1875; d. March 1, 1899.
- 1 ii. Donald,³ b. June 27, 1877.
- iii. Alex,³ b. June 26, 1879. Quarryman on Blue Mt. some time; merchant at Milan, P. Q.
- iv. Margaret,³ b. June 25, 1883; m. Donald D. Morrison, res. Tolsta, P. Q. 5 ch.
- v. Malcolm, b. June 15, 1885; d. Jan. 16, 1886.
- vi. Kate,³ b. Aug. 12, 1889; d. Nov. 23, 1901.
- vii. Infant dau., b. Dec. 20; d. Dec. 25, 1894.

- 1 DONALD A.,³ (Angus,² Kenneth,¹) b. June 27, 1877; came to R. 1899; leased a quarry on Blue Mt., from M. H. Gibson, with M. M. Morrison, and Murdo McKenzie, with the firm name of D. A. Morrison & Co. Afterward he became manager of the Osgood quarry. He m. at St. Johnsbury, Sept. 20, 1902, by Rev. J. M. Frost, Kate, dau. Murdo J. and Katie [Madison] McDonald. Members of U. P. ch., So. Ryegate, in which he is an elder.

Children:

- i. Kenneth Norman,⁴ b. Sept. 7, 1903.
- ii. Donald Beaton,⁴ b. April 7, 1905.
- iii. Hugh Thomas,⁴ b. Oct. 7, 1907.
- iv. Angus Rory,⁴ b. Jan. 20, 1910.

MORRISON.

BRADLEY,¹ Morrison. b. Groton, Oct. 10, 1802; came to Ryegate and bought the farm where his gr. son, James Morrison lives, building that house in 1829. He was an active, energetic man, one of the prominent farmers of the Wells River Valley. He was m. Jan. 13, 1830, by Rev. James Milligan, to Avis Jones (b. Topsham, April 18, 1803; d. Jan. 11, 1879.) He d. Nov. 30, 1879; bur. in Groton cem.

Children all born in Ryegate.

- 1 i. Orange G.,² b. Feb. 4, 1832.
- 2 ii. James J.,² b. May 24, 1834.
- iii. Sunderland,² b. May 22, 1837; d. Oct. 7, 1839.
- iv. Harriet,² b. May 9, 1839; m. Jan. 31, 1863, Moses Brossea. She d. Feb. 14, 1872; bur. Groton cem. He went west. Ch. (1) Louise A.,³ b. Dec. 4, 1864; is m. and lives in Texas. (2) Bradley,³ b. Feb. 5, 1869; d. Nov. 3, 1873.

- 1 ORANGE G.,² (Bradley,¹) b. Feb. 4, 1832; m. by Rev. John Bole, March 1, 1855, Elizabeth, dau. David Miller (b. Ryegate, Oct. 12, 1833; d. Groton, Dec. 5, 1811.) Members of Un. Pres. ch., So. Ryegate; farmer on homestead many yrs., lived six yrs. in Littleton, N. H., then at Groton village.

Children all born in Ryegate.

- i. Winona,³ b. Dec. 1855; m. 1874, A. H. Noyes of St. Johnsbury, and d. there Oct. 20, 1907.
- ii. Marion,³ b. May, 1861; d. Littleton, N. H., Feb. 10, 1872.
- iii. Margaret J.,³ m. James Markham.
- iv. Artemesia M.,³ b. Oct. 1865; m. Henry W. Henderson, q. v.
- 2 JAMES J.,² (Bradley,¹) b. April 24, 1834; he m. Nov. 17, 1867, Alice Jennett, dau. James Latto (b. 1843; d. Feb. 18, 1906.) They lived in Groton, rem. 1869 to the homestead in R. where he d. Feb. 26, 1908.

Children:

- i. Orange B.,³ b. July 3, 1869, on the Albert Whitehill place in Groton; farmer on the old homestead. He m. Feb. 3, 1904, Ella Jennette, dau. John and Sarah (Morton) Butson, (b. Topsham, July 3, 1871; ed. com. schools, Peacham Acad. and Montpelier Sem.)
- ii. Hattie Bell,³ b. Groton, Sept. 16, 1873; m. Dec. 19, 1900, Herbert Ingalls Randall (s. of Henry and Clara [Tucker] Randall, b. Newbury, Feb. 9, 1873; miller and in feed and grain bus. at Wolcott, Vt.) Ch. (1) Earle Morrison,⁴ (Randall) b. June 3, 1901. (2) Adlee Hattie,⁴ b. March 25, 1903. (3) Aileen,⁴ b. Sept. 9, 1905. (4) Herbert Stanley,⁴ b. April 2, 1909. (5) Clifford Latto,⁴ b. March 26, 1911.
- iii. Rosie May,³ b. Groton, July 14, 1875; d. March 22, 1878.
- iv. Rosie May,³ b. Ryegate, March 30, 1879; m. Aug. 6, 1903, William, s. of S. P. and Abigail Welch of Groton and lives there. Ch. (1) Joanna A.,⁴ (Welch) b. April 17, 1906. (2) Gertrude A.,⁴ b. Nov. 3, 1910.
- v. Alice Gertrude,³ b. Ryegate, April 26, 1881; m. Sept. 16, 1903, Bernard,

- s. of Dr. Seth N., and Evalona (Darling) Eastman; merchant at Groton. Ch. (1) Cyrus Darling,⁴ (Eastman) b. June 11, 1906. (2) Seth Newton,⁴ 2d, b. Feb. 9, 1911.
- vi. Jennie Latto,³ b. Ryegate, May 24, 1885; d. April 1, 1906.

MORRISON.

BRADLEY MORRISON and his wife, Sarah Emery of Groton had several children among whom were Bradley, Jr., (see preceding record) Joseph and another brother, and several sisters.

JOSEPH,¹ m. Sarah,¹ dau. Robards Darling; 8 chil. of whom 5 are living.

GILMORE,² (Joseph,¹) b. Groton, Jan. 11, 1833. His parents rem. to Barnet, farmer and carpenter; lived in Ryegate many yrs., but bought the Walter Harvey farm in Barnet where he now resides. He m. Jan. 12, 1858, Hannah Eliza, dau. Nathaniel Knight (b. Ryegate, March 16, 1840). Members, with most of their chil., of the U. P. ch., Ryegate. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison celebrated their golden wedding Aug. 25, 1908, all their chil. being present with their husbands and wives, with the exception of Mr. Goodnow and Mrs. Henry B. Morrison and two chil. Seventeen gr. chil. were present, and the occasion was graced by the presence of a large assemblage of friends.

Children:

- i. Joseph Chandler,³ b. Ryegate, April 29, 1859; farmer; m. Sept. 14, 1887, Christina Shields (b. Craftsbury, Aug. 12, 1858.) Ch. (1) Alexander Shields,⁴ b. Ryegate, Aug. 7, 1888. (2) Ruby Jean,⁴ b. Peacham, Jan. 16, 1890.
- ii. Henry Bartlett,³ b. Ryegate, Oct. 30, 1860; res. St. Paul, Minn.; in employ of Noyes, Cutler Bros., wholesale druggists; m. Aug. 26, 1896, Margaret Burt Bowie of St. Paul, Minn. Ch. (1) Robert Bowie,⁴ b. St. P., Feb. 20, 1899. (2) Henry Bartlett,⁴ b. St. P., June 5, 1901.
- iii. Nathaniel Ellsworth,³ b. Ryegate, Aug. 12, 1862; carpenter.
- iv. Pliny Gilmore,³ b. Ryegate, Oct. 14, 1864; pattern maker and partner in Concord Foundry Co., Concord, N. H.
- v. Martha McLam,³ b. Ryegate, Nov. 6, 1866; m. May 25, 1886, James Shields of Barnet (b. April 5, 1857.) Ch. (1) Wm. Boyd,⁴ (Shields) July 27, 1887. (2) James Elwyn,⁴ b. Dec. 25, 1889. (3) Ethel Lurline,⁴ b. Nov. 13, 1891; d. Aug. 25, 1903. (4) Olive Eliza,⁴ b. Feb. 24, 1893. (5) Kenneth Gilmore,⁴ b. Aug. 15, 1895; d. Feb. 16, 1896. (6) Virgil Paul,⁴ b. March 23, 1897. (7) Vera Lillian,⁴ b. March 21, 1900. (8) Verna Lillian,⁴ (twin to above). (9) Robert DeForest,⁴ b. Feb. 5, 1902. (10) Lurline,⁴ b. Jan. 4, 1904. (11) Ellsworth,⁴ b. Aug. 7, 1907.
- vi. Ethel Vivian,³ b. Ryegate, Aug. 18, 1868; grad. Johnson, Vt., Normal sch., 1892.
- vii. Phebe Eunice,³ b. Barnet, Nov. 7, 1870; grad. State Normal sch., Winona, Minn., 1893; m. Jan. 4, 1899, Virgil P. Goodnow of Buffalo Lake, Minn. Ch. (1) Virgil Keith,⁴ b. Oct. 5, 1902. (2) Dorothy Eunice,⁴ b. June 21, 1904. (3) Mary Theresa,⁴ b. Nov. 28; d. Dec. 1, 1907.
- viii. Lillian Sarah,³ b. Barnet, Nov. 22, 1872; grad. Moody Training sch., Northfield, Mass.; m. Edward Tomlinson (b. Aug. 14, 1870; Gen. Sec. Y. M. C. A., Wilmerding, Pa.)
- ix. Caroline Knight,³ b. Jan. 29, 1874; m. Lee Somers. q. v.
- x. Lawrie Byron,³ b. Barnet, Oct. 17, 1875; Ass. Supt. Mary Fletcher Hospital, Burlington, Vt.; m. Dec. 26, 1905, Fanny Rowe of Peacham (b. Jan. 11, 1879). Ch. Harvey Rowe,⁴ b. Burlington, April 15, 1907.
- xi. Theresa Eleanor,³ b. Ryegate, March 3, 1878; grad. Univ. of Minn., 1902. Went to Japan as a pioneer worker under the committee of the Am. Dep. of the World's Y. W. C. A.; reached Yokohama Jan. 10, 1904; her work aside from learning the language was in teaching and



GILMORE MORRISON FAMILY IN 1908, ON 50TH ANNIVERSARY.

FRONT ROW.—THERESA ELINOR, PAUL KNIGHT. SECOND ROW.—LAWRENCE BYRON, MARTHA McCLAM SHIELDS, SAMUEL GILMORE AND
 Mrs. HANNAH ELIZA, JOSEPH CHAMBERLIN, CAROLINE KNIGHT-SOMERS. THIRD ROW.—SARAH LILLIAN THOMLSON, NATHANIEL, ELIS
 WORTH, ETHEL VIVIAN, FLANNY GILMORE, FREDERICK GOODNOW, HENRY BARLETT.

conducting Bible classes among the young women students at the various schools in Tokio, editing a small monthly periodical, and studying the conditions of the country and its people. Left Japan in Dec. 1905; now at home.

- xii. Paul Knight,³ b. Ryegate, Sept. 21, 1881; m. Jan. 4, 1910, Ethel Eliza Merrill of Amherst, N. H. Ch. Paul Knight,⁴ b. Sept. 10, 1911.

MORRISON.

JAMES,¹ of Bassydroon, parish of St. Ninians, Stirlingshire, Scot.; m. 1790, or '91, Jean, dau. Robert and Jean (Foger) Melles or Maylise. He d. 1803, and she m. 2d, James Robertson and 3rd, William Henderson (See p. 386).

The children of James and Jean Morrison were as follows—all born in Scotland. This record is by Mr. Miller.

- 1 i. William,² b. Aug. 27, 1793.
 - ii. Jean,² went to Australia, and d. at about 80.
 - iii. Marion,² d. y.
 - iv. Isabel,² b. 1797; m. William Gilfillan of Barnet.
 - v. James,² (twin to Isabel) went to the West Indies, and d. a few yrs. later.
 - vi. Robert,² b. 1800; m. Jane McKinley and went to Michigan. 4 children. Three others who d. y.
- 1 WILLIAM,² (James,¹) b. Balfroon, Stirlingshire, Aug. 27, 1793; came to America in 1818, worked for Thomas Nelson, bought of George Ronalds the farm now that of M. H. Gibson, and had the spring work done for his stepfather, Wm. Henderson. He m. Jan. 18, 1825, Margaret, dau. Thos. Nelson (b. June 17, 1805; d. Nov. 19, 1864.) They settled in Barnet where he d. Nov. 18, 1876. Members of the U. P. ch.

Children:

 - i. Jean,³ b. Oct. 17, 1825; d. March 12, 1827.
 - ii. James,³ b. Oct. 8, 1827; d. April 18, 1835.
 - iii. Thomas,³ b. May 17, 1829; went to Cal. and d. at San Francisco, Oct. 23, 1863.
 - iv. Mary M.,³ b. May 3, 1831; m. Feb. 14, 1855, Geo. Vincent Wells of Brownstone, Mich. She was a teacher in Ryegate, making her home with her aunt, Mrs. Dickey. Four chil., all became teachers.
 - v. William,³ b. Nov. 23, 1833; d. April 6, 1835.
 - vi. Robert,³ b. July 31, 1836; d. Jan. 31, 1840.
 - vii. Margaret,³ b. Dec. 3, 1839; m. Oct. 7, 1862, Henry A. Gilfillan of Barnet. 5 children.
 - viii. William,³ b. Nov. 3, 1843.

MORSE.

HENRY ELKINS,¹ son of Ephraim and Betsey Morse, who moved from Brookfield, Mass., to Peacham ab. 1812; b. Peacham, 1828; lived near Boltonville. He m. April 17, 1849, Marion Wallace, dau. Stephen P. Nelson. He served in the civil war in the 9th Vt., and d. from a wound in the temple at Yorktown, Va., Sept. 23, 1863. He was a brother of Lucy W. Morse who m. Wm. T. Whitelaw.

Children:

- i. Mary Ellen,² b. Oct. 31, 1850; m. Selden F. Leonard. Res. Lisbon, N. H. Ch. Carrie Marion,³ and Meysia Effie,³ both dead.
- ii. Carleton Henry,² b. Jan. 29, 1852; m. Lizzie Wheelock of Lisbon. Ch. (1) Ernest,³ (dea.) (2) Earl,³ clerk in bank in Boston. He m. 2d a Mrs. Hill.
- iii, Effie Voroqua,² b. Oct. 22, 1855; m. Richard Bennett, (b. 1848 in Couburn, Eng.; machinist B. and M. R. R.) Ch. (1) Carl C.,³ [Bennett] b. Sept. 7, 1875; Supt. Thompson Mfg Co., Lancaster, N. H. He m.

- Beatrice Murphy of L. Ch. Ralph Richard.⁴ (2) Grace M.,³ b. Woodsville, N. H., 1879; m. 1908, David M. Beck, traveling salesman; res. Dorchester, Mass.
- iv. William Whitelaw,² b. April 12, 1857; partner with Johnson & Co., Boston. He m. 1st, Laura Hill. Ch. Maud Marion.³ 2d, Christie Templeton. Ch. Marion³
- v. Lucy Whitelaw,² b. Jan. 6, 1861; m. 1880, Irving J. Colby of Lancaster, N. H., and is dead. Ch. Fred C., and Beulah [Colby].

THE NEILSON FAMILIES OF ERSKINE

Ryegate seems to have been very alluring to people of the Nelson name or lineage, as representatives of several different families are found among the early settlers. It was Mr. Miller's opinion that could the ancestry of each be traced, a common ancestral tree would show the various families of the name as branches. The name was originally spelled "Neilson." Mr. Miller says that *Neil* means dark or swarthy, and the word *son*, affixed, means, "Son of the dark one," an appellation whose origin would probably carry us back several centuries. He further says that the Neilsons are dark or brunettes, and where any of the name have light or blonde complexions these have been derived through inter-marriage with families of lighter hue.

The first settlers of the name spelled it in the ancient form, but by their descendants the silent letter was gradually eliminated. The shire of Renfrew seems to have been the ancestral home of the family and in many parishes the name was, in 1773, and is still, very common, in others it is not found at all. "The Church and Parish of Inchinnan," while mentioning many names common in Ryegate, does not include any Neilsons, and the histories of several parishes in the shire of Fife do not mention it. All the information we can obtain is but fragmentary, and little has been received since Mr. Miller's death.

By way of beginning somewhere we may say that many Ryegate people are descended from one James Neilson whose children were:

- I. JOHN, tea merchant at Paisley. He had sons James and John.
- II. WILLIAM, a manufacturer of Paisley, who had 3 sons and 2 daus.
- III. JAMES, a weaver in Erskine, who had sons and daus.
- IV. ROBERT, a stockbroker in London, who never married.
- V. ISABEL, m. John Ritchie, settled and died in Ryegate.
- VI. JANET, who m. Archibald Neilson.
- VII. ELIZABETH, m. James Esden; died in Ryegate.

Mr. Miller says that this Archibald Neilson, who m. Janet Neilson, was brother to his gt. gr. father, William Neilson, who settled in Ryegate in 1773. This establishes the connection between several of the early families. Archibald Neilson was a blacksmith and farrier to Lord Blantyre. Archibald and Janet (Neilson) Neilson had children: James, Archibald and John, Ann, who m. 1st, John Peden, and 2d, Alexander Cochran, q. v., Isabel, who m. Archibald Mason (see Mason fam.), Mary, Jean, Margaret and Elzabeth. The Jean Neilson just mentioned m. James Lauder, who was a plowman to Lord Blantyre. Some years after marriage they came to Topsham and reared a large family, but their only representatives in this vicinity are Mrs. Geo. L. Hall and her daughters.

In preparing this introductory sketch of the Neilson families the editor acknowledges the kind assistance of Mrs. Bertha Bullock Folsom of Chicago.

William Neilson the pioneer, who came here in 1773, has had a larger number of descendants than any other man who ever lived in Ryegate, but his ancestry is not known. If any of the letters he received from Scotland have escaped destruction, they may contain

much relating to his family. Two William Neilsons were members of the Scotch Co., William, "wright," in Gateside, Inchinnan, and William, farmer, in Glenshinock, Erskine. The 2d Neilson family is that of James, half-brother of William, and the 3d is William Neilson 2d from Balfron whose father's name was Alexander and that is all we know about him. A third William Neilson lived in Newbury near to Ryegate coming from Bothwell in 1836, buying "The Hermitage," on which Hon. Peter Burbank had lately died. He m. a dau. of Wm. Buchanan and his 3 dau's m. into Ryegate families. He was known as "Scotch Nelson," to distinguish him from the others, but his relation, if any, to the Ryegate families is not known. Three brothers from southern N. H., Enoch, Jonathan and Stephen P. Nelson settled in Newbury, below Boltonville, and some of their chil. m. in Ryegate. The latest accession to the Nelson families is Mr. Yeaton D. Nelson who is from Maine.

NELSON.

WILLIAM NELSON FAMILY.

WILLIAM Neilson, as the name was spelled by himself and his sons, ancestor of a numerous race, was b. in Erskine, Renfrewshire, Scotland, in 1742. His mother died when he was an infant and he was brought up by a Highland nurse. He learned the carpenter's trade and while working with David Allan became acquainted with some of the men who were talking of forming a company to settle in America and joined heartily with them. He was very ambitious and could not rest content to be, all his life, a tenant farmer; was very active in forming the Scots-American Company and probably had more money to put in it than any other of the colonists, as his first drawing of land was eight lots, a larger share than that of any one else. He m. ab. 1765, Jean Stewart of Erskine, gt. gr. dau. of John Miller (See Edward Miller Family). William Nelson was one of the first of the company to leave Scotland. The parents of his wife were opposed to her coming to America and had even persuaded her to remain with them. She accompanied him to Glasgow to see him off, but when the time for parting came, her affection for her husband prevailed, and she cast her lot with his. They sailed on the brig Jean for Portsmouth, N. H. The vessel was old and out of repair; it was only by good fortune and constant care, in which his skill as a carpenter was often called into service, that it was kept afloat on what proved to be its last voyage, and they made harbor one day ahead of a great storm. They arrived in Ryegate, Oct. 7, 1774, with their three children, Patrick Lang and family, David Reid and wife, being of the company. He settled on the farm now owned and occupied by Wesson Sargent. While building his cabin he boarded in Newbury, going to and fro daily. In two years he had cleared considerable land and put up good buildings.

Before leaving Scotland he bought merchandise some, of which he sold at Portsmouth and exchanged the rest at Newbury for seed, and necessities for his family. He is said to have brought to Ryegate a considerable sum of specie, carefully packed in tubs of lard. His courage in remaining alone in the town during the alarm in 1776 is elsewhere related. At some time he was elected lieutenant in the militia and in the old records is usually designated by his military title. His broadsword brought from Scotland, is owned by Mrs. A. A. Miller. In person he was about five feet ten inches in height, very muscular, remarkable for the powerful grip of his hands, and many anecdotes were current in Mr. Miller's time of his great strength. When after his cows at one time he met a bear, and killed him with no weapon but a stout staff. Mr. Nelson invested very advantageously in wild

lands in that part of Lyman, N. H., now called Monroe, and in other towns as well. The records of the Grafton registry at Woodsville, show the extent and variety of his purchases in that county. He built the first saw mill at East Ryegate, where he sawed great quantities of lumber; was one of the first to engage in the transportation of manufactured timber down Connecticut river, and was one of the earliest proprietors in a boating company plying between Wells River and Hartford, Connecticut. In the grand list of 1789 he is given as the owner of 654 acres of wild and 46 acres of cleared land. He had 31 cattle and two horses, while in his family in the previous year, there had been produced 300 yds. of tow or linen cloth and 100 yds. of woolen. He raised grain and young stock which he sold to the people who were settling in the towns north of Ryegate. He held all the town offices and was town representative in 1799, when the General Assembly met at Windsor, and in 1800, when it convened at Middlebury. Before there was stated preaching in Ryegate, he with his wife and older children often walked on the Sabbath to the meeting house at Newbury, returning after service. William Nelson and wife were among the earliest members of the Associate church, and he was one of those from Ryegate who signed the call, in concurrence with the Barnet congregation, to Rev. David Goodwillie. His was a very religious family in which the Sabbath was kept with the utmost strictness. He read the Bible through once a year, and always found something new in it. In 1793, when James Whitelaw resigned the office of manager for the Scotch Company, William Nelson was chosen one of three to take charge of the company's affairs, and they executed their office with great prudence and honesty. William Nelson was a social man, hospitable, fond of fun and practical jokes, sometimes being thought to carry the propensity a little too far. Mr. Miller relates several anecdotes of his merry proceedings and shrewd sayings which are too long for our space. One, however, will do for a sample: "Robert Symes told me that when he was building his house in 1823, Old Willie Nelson came along, and stopping to talk with him addressed him in his brusque blunt way, 'Rob, 'you're a fule, you're a fule.' 'Oh, I know all that now,' says Rob, 'tell me something I don't know.' The old man went on. 'The birds 'first pair and then build their nest, and when finished it suits both. 'Now you will go on and build your house and make it exactly right, 'as you think, and when you get married and bring your wife home to 'it she will look it over and find this and that wrong and she will say, "'Rob, take this out," "Rob, take this down," and the other prized 'handiwork, "Throw it away, I don't want it," and so it will be 'with all your most cherished plans, whereas if you married first you 'would get it satisfactory at the start, and save all remodeling." "'And," said Mr. Symes, half a century later, "it turned out that the 'old man was right.'" In his old age he became very hard of hearing, and used an ear trumpet. On the Sabbath he would often sit in the pulpit in order to catch as much as possible of the sermon. Mrs. Nelson was short and thickset, a great worker. She was b. in Erskine parish in 1737, and died in Ryegate, Sept. 15, 1825. He d. Jan. 23, 1831; bur. at Ryegate Corner. By steady industry, enterprise and good management he accumulated a very large property, estimated at his death to be between eighty and one hundred thousand dollars, a vast sum in those days, making him the richest man who ever lived in Ryegate. His will, drawn up by Mordecai Hale of Barnet, was contested by some of his heirs, and considerable money was spent in the resulting litigation. William and Jean Nelson had 7 children and 72 gr. children. Twenty-eight of the latter were gr. sons. and 42 were gr. daughters. Ten d. in infancy or childhood.

He was succeeded on his farm by his son James, and the latter by his son Robert, and all the children of both were born there. The

farm is now owned by Wesson Sargent, whose wife is a descendant of William Nelson. The log house built by Wm. Nelson stood s. e. of the present buildings, and was succeeded by a frame house. The present house was built by Robert Nelson in 1849.

In 1880 the late Edward Miller, a gt. gr. son of William Nelson, desiring to preserve the records of his ancestor's descendants issued a circular setting forth his intention of publishing the records of the Nelson family, which he sent to all of his kindred whose addresses he could obtain, and which elicited a great amount of data and records. He never published them, but copied them in a book, and these records form the greater part of the Nelson annals here presented. So far as it has been possible, these records have been verified, the later generations added and brought down to date. Many are found in the records of families bearing other names than Nelson. In their compilation a large number of persons have assisted, to each and all of whom the editor, for himself and the Nelson family, returns hearty thanks. The arrangement is by generations.

The children of William and Jean Nelson were:

- 1 I. WILLIAM,² b. in Scotland, 1767; d. Sept. 29, 1830.
- 2 II. ROBERT,² b. Scotland, April, 1770; d. March 20, 1848.
- III. MARY,² b. Scotland, March or April, 1772; d. Oct. 6, 1825; m. Hugh Gardner, q. v.
- 3 IV. JOHN,² b. Ryegate, Feb. 5, 1776; d. Sept. 5, 1854.
- 4 V. JAMES,² b. in R., June 1778; d. June 23, 1840.
- 5 VI. THOMAS,² b. in R., April 4, 1780; d. Nov. 30, 1860.
- VII. ISABEL,² b. in R., 1785 or 1786; d. Nov. 14, 1831; m. Hugh McLaughlin of Groton, q. v.

- 1 WILLIAM,² (William,¹) b. Erskine, Scot., 1767; came to America with parents. Settled in that part of Lyman, N. H., now called Monroe, at what was called "Hurd's Location," near the foot of the Fifteen Mile Falls, on land owned by his father, and later known as the Buffam farm. Mr. Miller says that he inherited a larger share of his father's wealth than either of his brothers as much of the valuable timber land came to him. He m. 1st, ab. 1791, Hannah Moore of Bow, N. H., (b. 1772; d. Jan. 3, 1828.) They were ad. to the Asso. Pres. ch. June 24, 1797. He m. 2d, Hannah, dau. James,¹ Nelson (b. March 26, 1781; d. May 7, 1839); wid. of Henry Buchanan. William Nelson d. Sept. 19, 1830; bur. at No. Monroe.

Children all born in Monroe. N. H.

- i. William,³ b. 1792; m. Lima Hibbard of Bath, who d. ab. 1854. He d. Nov. 9, 1840. No ch.
- ii. Elsie,³ b. 1794; d. Aug. 3, 1818.
- iii. Hannah,³ b. 1799; d. Feb. 15, 1834; m. Michael Stevens of Lyman, who d. April 11, 1851. Ch. (1) Susan Morse ⁴ [Stevens] b. Bath, March 2, 1826; m. Orrin Ferguson of Lyman. (2) Henry Lang,⁴ b. Feb. 5, 1828; student and teacher; d. Feb. 7, 1848. (3) William Nelson,⁴ b. Oct. 3, 1831; student; d. Nov. 1850. (4) Michael,⁴ b. Feb., d. Dec. 1833.
- 6 iv. John,³ b. Oct. 15, 1802, by Mr. Miller; Oct. 16, 1801 by W. S. Nelson.
- v. Richard M.,³ b. 1806; d. suddenly, Nov. 19, 1848; m. Margaret Ferguson; 3 dau. She d. Monticello, Ill., 1878.
- 7 vi. Robert Stewart,³ b. 1808.
- 8 vii. Benjamin,³ b. Aug. 9, 1812.
- viii. Maria Gardner,³ b. Jan. 10, 1815; m. Jan. 13, 1836, Eben W. Blake of Bridgeton, Me., who d. Oct. 25, 1874, at Littleton, N. H., aged 65.

Children:

1. Helen A.,⁴ [Blake] b. Lovel, Me., May 24, 1837; m. Nov. 4, 1857, John B. Jones of Barnet; rem. to Littleton, 1874, and to Spokane, Wash.,

where she d. Aug. 9, 1911; bur. No. Monroe. Ch. Kate,⁵ who m. Charles Noyes of Lisbon who d. 1892. 2 daus.; and Addie M.,⁵ who m. Geo. H. Lucas of Littleton. 1 dau.

2. Ann A. G.,⁴ b. Sweden, Me., 1841; d. Barnet, July 7, 1857.
3. Lima M.,⁴ b. Bridgeton, Me., June 1, 1843; d. Barnet, May 31, 1856.
4. Addie M.,⁴ b. Monroe, May 19, 1850; d. Waterford, July 23, 1863.
5. Frank P.,⁴ b. Monroe, March 4, 1853; d. Barnet, July 28, 1857.
- 9 ix. Horatio,³ b. Sept. 11, 1818.
- 2 ROBERT,² (William,¹) b. Inchinnan, Scotland, April, 1770; lived with parents till he m. Dec. 26, 1793, by Rev. D. Goodwillie, Agnes, dau. John Gray (b. April 9, 1778; d. June 18, 1850.) They settled in Monroe, N. H., where Nathan Bolton lives; captain in the militia in Lyman. Mr. Miller says that he was a man of noble character, very liberal, to whom the poor and unfortunate looked for help. They were ad. to the Ass. Pres. ch. June 24, 1797. Their daus. were called very handsome. He d. March 20, 1848, on the farm now owned by Hugh Nelson; bur. Monroe. They had 14 ch., 82 gr. ch.

Children, all born in Monroe.

- i. Jean,⁴ b. 1794; d. Feb. 4, 1796.
- 10 ii. Robert G.,³ b. Jan. 28, 1796; d. Dec. 14, 1877.
- iii. Hannah,³ b. July 24, 1798; m. March 18, 1819, Comer Paddleford of Lyman (b. Enfield, N. H., Feb. 18, 1793; d. June 10, 1877). She d. April 29, 1889.

Children:

1. Jean,⁴ [Paddleford] b. Jan. 1820; m. John Moore of Barnet; d. Feb. 17, 1873. 5 ch.
2. Wm. G.,⁴ b. March 9, 1823; m. Lovina Stanley. 1 son, Wm. J., m. Hattie Hall.
3. Jared,⁴ d. aged 10 days.
4. Comer B.,⁴ b. May 18, 1829; twice m., no chil. by 1st m. 2d, to Elizabeth French Harding. 2 daus.
5. Eliza,⁴ b. 1831; m. Luke G. Spencer of St. Johnsbury. 1 dau., Mrs. E. S. Truax.
6. Agnes,⁴ b. June 1834; m. Nathan T. Bolton. 5 ch.
7. Peleg H.,⁴ b. Nov. 1837; m. Martha Moulton.
- iv. Mary N.,³ b. May 23, 1800; m. Jan. 24, 1822, Nathan Batchelder (b. Bath, Feb. 9, 1798; d. May 15, 1892). Farmer in Monroe Plain on the edge of Bath, where he built a brick house; rem. to Barnet, where he was an elder in the U. P. ch. She d. in Bath, Dec. 21, 1858, and he m. 2d, Mrs. W. H. Duncan at Barnet Ctr. He lived where James Gilfillan now lives.

Children:

1. Hannah,⁴ [Batchelder] b. Nov. 21, 1822; d. March 11, 1860.
2. Agnes,⁴ b. Oct. 28, 1823; m. Feb 19, 1846, Robert S. Gilkerson.
3. James,⁴ d. in inf 1825.
4. Elizabeth,⁴ b. March 25, 1827; d. Jan. 8, 1848.
5. Robert,⁴ b. Jan. 14, 1829; d. March 4, 1833.
6. John,⁴ b. 1830; d. 1833.
7. Mary,⁴ b. Feb. 5, 1833; m. Luther Gilkerson. 2d, Jacob W. Luce.
8. Nathan,⁴ b. 1835; d. 1839.
9. William,⁴ b. Feb. 12, 1837; m. Elizabeth, dau. Bartholemew Gilkerson. Rem. to Kan.; Elder in U. P. ch. 5 ch.
10. Isabel,⁴ b. Oct. 30, 1839; d. Sept. 17, 1852.
11. David,⁴ b. Nov. 11, 1842; served in the Union army, 15th N. H.; wounded at Port Hudson; d. New Orleans, June 13, 1863.
12. Cynthia J.,⁴ b. Dec. 28, 1844; m. Geo. Lockey; went to Kan.
- v. Margaret,³ b. June 4, 1802; m. Samuel Peters, q. v.
- vi. John G.,³ b. Aug. 19; d. Aug. 31, 1804.
- 11 vii. David,³ b. Oct. 3, 1805.



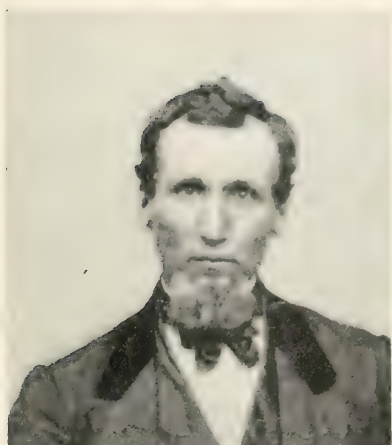
JOHN F. NELSON.



JAMES NELSON.



JOHN NELSON.



ROBERT NELSON.



MRS. ISABEL (BUCHANAN) NELSON.

- viii. John G.,³ b. Aug. 16, 1807; d. Nov. 8, 1810.
- ix. Agnes,³ b. Aug. 26, 1809; m. Sept. 24, 1835, Truman Bailey of Littleton, N. H., gt. gr. s. of Gen. Jacob Bayley, who d. Jan. 24, 1859. 2d, James Shaw of Barnet. She d. Peacham, June 8, 1890; he d. July 18, 1890, aged 90. She was Mr. Miller's 1st school teacher.
- Children by 1st marriage.
- 1. Margaret,⁴ [Bailey] b. 1837, who m. 2d, Robert Stevenson of Barnet. 2 ch. Died Peacham, Aug. 26, 1879.
- 2. Mary E.,⁴ d. y.
- 3. Robert N.,⁴ served in the 15th Vt., in the Civil war; m. Helen Hooker. 3 ch. He d. Aug. 5, 1909.
- 4. Hannah A.,⁴ b. Peacham, Feb. 22, 1842; m. Richard B. Shaw. 4 ch.
- 5. Nathan J.,⁴ Went to Cal., and m. there.
- 6. David T.,⁴ went to Honolulu; m. Hattie Lewis. 3 ch.
- 7. Ruth Emma,⁴ m. Wm. Gilfillan. 4 sons, Fred, Hiram, Henry, Francis.
- x. Eliza,³ b. Nov. 11, 1811; d. April 20, 1884; m. W. J. Gibson (p. 354).
- 12 xi. Nathan,³ b. July 8, 1814.
- xii. Isabel,³ b. Nov. 9, 1816; m. William Warden, q. v.
- xiii. Alice,³ b. Oct. 12, 1819; m. Jan. 16, 1842, Samuel Cleasby (b. Danville, Nov. 15, 1820; d. July 10, 1877). She d. June 26, 1887. They lived in Littleton, where all their ch. were b.
- Children:
- 1. George W.,⁴ who served in Co. D, 13th N. H., in the Civil war; m. Juliette Smith. 2 ch.
- 2. Ellen A.,⁴ a successful teacher more than 30 yrs.; m. Junifer Moulton of Lisbon.
- 3. David N.,⁴ m. Wilhemina Perkins. 3 ch.
- 4. and 5. Robert⁴ and Arthur,⁴ who d. y.
- 6. Wilfred,⁴ m. Clara Mooney.
- 7. John F.
- xiv. Ruth P.,³ b. Feb. 5, 1823; m. Nov. 24, 1852, Curtis Paddleford. Ch. Morris G.,⁴ and Agnes,⁴ who d. y., and Mary E.⁴ She d. Dec. 16, 1898.
- 3 JOHN,² (William,) b. Ryegate, Feb. 5, 1776, the 2d birth among the Scotch settlers. He m. 1st, at Acworth, N. H., March 22, 1814, Helen Duncan who d. one month and one day later. He m. 2d, 1818 or 1819, Mary, dau. Hugh and Jennie [Cochran] Findlay of Acworth (b. 1784; d. April 25, 1865.) Members of Asso. Pres. ch. ab. 40 yrs. He was a prominent man in town holding many offices and greatly respected. Town rep. 1814; del. to Cons. Con. 1814. His farm is now owned by his gr. son, S. F. Nelson. He d. Sept. 5, 1854.
- Children all born in Ryegate.
- i. Mary Jane,³ b. March 9, 1820; m. ab. 1855, James McBride; went to Iowa.
- 13 ii. John Findlay,³ b. Dec. 4, 1821.
- 14 iii. Janet Cochran,³ b. June 21, 1823; m. Rev. John D. Cunningham.
- 15 iv. William Hugh,³ b. June 22, 1825.
- 16 v. Elizabeth Ann,³ b. Nov. 14, 1827; m. Rev. Fenner R. King.
- vi. Margaret Sophia,³ b. April 15, 1830; m. Rev. James M. Beattie, q. v.
- 17 vii. Robert J.,³ b. March 20, 1832.
- viii. Agnes Annot,³ b. March 20, 1837; m. Rev. J. M. Dickson, q. v.
- 4 JAMES,² (William,¹) b. Ryegate, June, 1778; succeeded his father on the homestead and all his chil. were b. there. He was prominent in town and church; town rep. 1829, '30, '31, '33; del. to Cons. Con. 1828. He m. 1st, Dec. 28, 1808, Agnes, dau. Wm. Gibson (b. Scotland, Jan. 12, 1786; d. Dec. 4, 1838). 2d, June, 1839, Jean, sister of Walter Roben, and wid. of Andrew Buchanan, who d. 1863.
- Children:
- 18 i. William Gibson,³ b. March 27, 1809.
- 19 ii. Jean Stewart,³ b. Aug. 28, 1810.

- iii. Margaret,³ b. April 28, 1812; m. Wm. Holt, q. v.
- iv. John James,³ b. April 26, 1814; d. Nov. 27, 1838.
- v. Mary,³ b. May 21, 1816; d. Nov. 13, 1893, un-m.
- vi. Elizabeth,³ b. May 19, 1818; d. Nov. 15, 1838.
- 20 vii. Robert,³ b. Feb. 24, 1820.
- 21 viii. James,³ b. July 11, 1821.
- ix. Peter,³ b. June 27, 1823; d. May 27, 1839.
- x. Alexander,³ b. Dec. 15, d. Dec. 25, 1826.
- 5 THOMAS,² (William,¹) b. April 4, 1780. He m. by Rev. David Sutherland, Sept. 28, 1804, Mary, dau. David Allan (b. Inchinnan, Scot., 1781; d. Jan. 28, 1864.) She was a woman of rare courage and decision. She came from Scotland with her mother in 1801. None of her brothers would stay in Ryegate, so she took the management of the farm herself. She worked for Capt. John Gray till she had earned two cows, after going alone after dark through the wilderness to see if her mother was properly cared for. Some time after a dispute arose about the farm and a law suit resulted. It was necessary that certain papers should be had from her brother in New York State, and she went on horseback without guide or protector, many miles lying through an unbroken wilderness. She secured the papers, and set out on her return, and persevered through a storm lasting several days when all the streams were overflowed, carrying the papers in her shoes. She reached home just in time to redeem the farm. Mr. Mason says that she had a companion named Annette Nelson, and that they dressed like Indians. Thos. Nelson and his wife bought of Wm. Gilfillan the farm afterward owned by their son, Maj. Thos. Nelson, where both died. He d. Nov. 30, 1860; bur. Ryegate Corner. Town rep. 1837.

Children:

- i. Margaret,³ b. June 17, 1805; d. Nov. 19, 1864; m. William Morrison, q. v.
- ii. Jane,³ b. Feb. 18, 1808; m. John,³ (John,² William,¹) Gibson, q. v.
- iii. William,³ b. May 31, 1809; d. May 12, 1824.
- iv. Mary,³ b. Oct. 31, 1811; d. Aug. 16, 1850.
- v. Janet,³ b. July 2, 1812; d. Nov. 15, 1842.
- vi. Elizabeth,³ b. Oct. 17; d. Nov. 4, 1814.
- 22 vii. Thomas,³ b. Jan. 15, 1816.
- viii. Elizabeth Allan,³ b. June 17, 1818; m. James Dickey, q. v. She d. June 10, 1853.
- ix. David,³ b. April 20, 1820; d. June 14, 1861; m. Feb. 13, 1842, Martha C. Dole of Danville, who m. 2d, John Cameron and 3d, Jackson P. Morrill.
- 22a x. William J.,³ b. Dec. 5, 1822.
- xi. Sarah,³ b. July 4, 1824; d. Dec. 10, 1845.
- xii. Isabel,³ b. April 14, 1826; m. Reuben M. Slye, q. v.
- 6 JOHN,³ (William,² William,¹) b. Lyman, Oct. 15, 1802; m. Jan. 15, 1823, Harriet, dau. Daniel Kelsea. (Hugh Kelsea, father of Daniel, em. from Londonderry, Ire., to Londonderry, N. H.) She d. April 23, 1885; he d. Feb. 15, 1865. (This record is Mr. Miller's)

Children all born in Monroe.

- i. William Curtis,⁴ b. March 2, 1824; m. Persis, dau. Seth Paddleford; rem. to Hillsboro, Ill. 1855; innkeeper; en. 1862, 23d Ill.; taken prisoner 1864, conf. in Florence prison and so nearly starved that he d. four days after exchange in Jan. 1865. A son who is d., and a dau. who m. Rev. Mr. Hussey, a Baptist min. in Ill.
- ii. and iii. George⁴ and Eliza,⁴ d. y.
- iv. John Milton,⁴ b. June 5, 1833; m. 1856, Sarah Wilson of Ill.; d. Grinnell, Ia., April 13, 1882. One son, James M.⁵
- 22b v. Edwin,⁴ b. Sept. 1, 1836; m. Aug. 26, 1860, Phebe J. Gibson of L. who d. 1877. 4 sons.
- vi. Almon,⁴ d. y.

- vii. Henry C.,⁴ b. Sept. 21, 1844; m. Mary L. Moulton of Bath. He was a farmer on homestead. 1 son.
- viii. Lucy Moore,⁴ b. 1853; m. a Pres. minister; living at Litchfield, Ill., 1884.
- 7 ROBERT STUART,³ (Wm.,² Wm.,¹) b. 1808; m. 1833, Eliza Kelsea, and went to Ill., where he was an active bus. man at Hillsborough and d. ab. 1856. She d. Aug. 20, 1860.
- Children:
 - 23 i. William Wallace,⁴ b. Oct. 29, 1833.
 - ii. Marietta,⁴ m. Edward B. Randall. 2 dau.
 - 24 iii. Robert Stuart,⁴ b. 1836,
- 8 BENJAMIN,³ (Wm.,² Wm.,¹) b. Aug. 29, 1812; m. April 18, 1833, Emily, dau. James Moore of Barnet; went to Ill. Ch. (1) Geo. W.⁴ (2) Annette.⁴ (3) James M.⁴ who was sergeant in the 12th U. S. Inf. and killed in the battle of the Wilderness. (4) Horatio.⁴ (5) Emily A.⁴ (6) Benj. F.⁴ (7) Wm. W.⁴ (8) John M.⁴ (9) Richard M.⁴
- 9 HORATIO,³ (Wm.,² Wm.,¹) b. Sept. 11, 1818; m. 1836, Angeline, dau. James Moore; rem. 1836 to Ill.; farmer and merchant till 1858, when he joined the So. Ill. Conference of M. E. ch. Twelve yrs. an itinerant min. without losing an appointment. Ret. 1876 and d. at Bunker Hill, Ill., July 29, 1878. 5 ch. all lived in Ill.
- 10 ROBERT G.,³ (Robert,² William,¹) b. Lyman, Jan. 29, 1796; m. Dec. 21, 1822 by Rev. Thos. Ferrier, Cynthia, dau. Jabez Bigelow (b. Ryegate, March 4, 1799; d. Barnet, April 4, 1883.) He d. at Peatone, Kan., Dec. 14, 1877.
- Children:
 - i. Maveric S.,⁴ b. March 9, 1824; d. Alton, Ill., Jan. 1852.
 - ii. Laura J.,⁴ b. Aug. 9, 1825; m. Alanson S. Moore, q. v.
 - iii. Peter Irving,⁴ b. May 27, 1827; m. March 15, 1860, Agnes, dau. James Lang; lived in Barnet. Ch. Louisa,⁵ Irving,⁵ and James.⁵
 - iv. William R.,⁴ b. June 13, 1829; m. May 1, 1854, Lydia J. Way. 7 ch.
- 25 v. Jabez Bigelow,⁴ b. Nov. 8, 1832.
- vi. Cynthia Ann,⁴ b. Aug. 5, 1835; m. June 5, 1861, John Bryant of Lynfield, Mass.
- vii. Agnes E.,⁴ b. April 6, 1838; d. Barnet, July, 1, 1873.
- viii. Sirena Isabel,⁴ b. Sept. 27, 1840; d. Nov. 17, 1841.
- 11 DAVID,³ (Robert,² William,¹) b. Lyman, Oct. 3, 1805; m. Jan. 29, 1834, by Rev. David Sutherland, Isabel, dau. Wm. Hyndman of Lyman; rem. 1837 to Brighton, Ill.; farmer there; ret. to Monroe, 1856, and tended the grist mill there; in 1858 he moved to McIndoes Falls; in 1864 he ret. to the west and settled at Remington, Ind., where he d. Nov. 24, 1883. He was a prominent abolitionist and station agent on the "underground railroad," for 20 yrs. He held strong Anti-Masonic views and withdrew from the church on account of his opposition to secret societies. David Nelson was a very strong man, and once carried a barrel of flour from McIndoes to Monroe Plain. 9 chil. who all settled in the west.
- 12 NATHAN,³ (Robert,² Wm.,¹) b. Lyman, N. H., July 8, 1814; m. Nov. 30, 1843, Mary Ann Paddleford (b. July 26, 1823).
- Children:
 - i. Philip P.,⁴ b. Dec. 30, 1844; m. Mary, dau. Robert Gilkerson; res. So. Dak. 4 ch.; d. Feb. 18, 1892.
 - ii. Louisa Moulton,⁴ b. Aug. 30, 1847; m. Ezra A. Day, merchant at Newbury, Vt., Lisbon, N. H., and Worcester, Mass., where they res.
 - iii. Abbie,⁴ (twin to Louise) d. Sept. 12, 1847.
 - iv. Herbert,⁴ b. March 31, 1852; went to Cal.
 - v. Frederic,⁴ b. Dec. 4, 1855; went to Cal.
- 25avi. Hugh,⁴ b. Nov. 2, 1858; res. Monroe, N. H.; m. Feb. 1, 1888, Eliza, dau. N. S. Bolton.

vii. Annie M.,⁴ b. March 22, 1866; went to Cal.

JOHN F.,³ (John,² William,¹) b. Dec. 4, 1821; edu. in dist. sch., and taught school several winters. He was very prominent in both town and church, holding all offices and was town rep. 1867, '68. Joined the U. P. ch. Sept. 30, 1858; ord. Elder, June 26, 1873. He m. Dec. 24, 1849, Mary G., dau. Alexander Gibson (b. April 5, 1823; d. March 20, 1896.) He was killed by a vicious bull on his own premises, Sept. 7, 1892.

Children:

- i. Marietta Jane,⁴ b. Oct. 14, 1850; d. un-m. July 15, 1900.
- 26 ii. John H.,⁴ b. June 5, 1853.
- 27 iii. Samuel F. F.,⁴ b. May 6, 1856.
- 28 iv. Lizzie J.,⁴ b. March 13, 1859.
- v. Sarah Janet,⁴ b. July 6, 1861; m. Nov. 23, 1910, J. C. Janes of Wyoming.
- 29 vi. Harry A., b. May 24, 1863.
- 30 vii. William H.,⁴ b. Nov. 2, 1868.

14 JANET COCHRAN,³ (John,² Wm.,¹) b. June 21, 1823; m. Sept. 5, 1844, Rev. John Dunlap Cunningham (b. Sept. 7, 1813; d. Sept. 7, 1872.) She d. Oct. 23, 1871. He was for many years in the ministry of the Associate Pres. ch.

Children:

- i. Mary Isabella,⁴ [Cunningham] b. Nov. 1, 1845; d. Sept. 16, 1865.
- ii. Samuel Nelson,⁴ b. May 21, 1847; d. July 4, 1871.
- iii. Margaret Jane,⁴ b. Aug. 29, 1850; d. March 31, 1872.
- iv. John Dunlap,⁴ b. Nov. 10, 1852. Member of Asso. Pres. ch.; m. March 23, 1875.
- v. James Mitchell,⁴ b. Oct. 25, 1855. Member of United Pres. ch.; m. Sept. 25, 1875.
- vi. William Findley,⁴ b. April 23, 1858. Member of Asso. Pres. ch.
- vii. Marshall Beattie,⁴ b. April 7, 1860. Member of Meth. Epis. ch.; m. Nov. 7, 1888.
- viii. Fenner Dickson,⁴ b. Sept. 8, 1862; d. Feb. 2, 1863.
- ix. Elizabeth Jane,⁴ b. Dec. 31, 1863. Member of U. P. ch.; m. March 1, 1883.

15 WILLIAM HUGH,³ (John,² William,¹) b. June 22, 1825; merchant at No. Haverhill, N. H., from about 1860 some 10 or 12 yrs.; merchant at Lawrence, Mass., also at Oliverian Brook, Haverhill, N. H., later till d. Nov. 27, 1886. He m. Jan. 6, 1852, Margaret, dau. Wm. and Anabel [Kennedy] Monteith (b. Jan. 21, 1829.)

Children:

- i. Anabel Margaret,⁴ b. April 11, 1853; m. June 16, 1885, Scott Sloan, lawyer, of Haverhill, N. H. Res. Lebanon, N. H.
- ii. John William,⁴ b. Aug. 14, 1854; d. Hamilton, Montana, Nov. 24, 1904; twice m. One ch. by 1st m., three by 2d
- iii. Orinda Jane,⁴ b. May 4, 1856; m. Jan. 18, 1882, William W. Brock, Jr., of South Newbury, Vt. Ch. Frank Nelson,⁵ b. Dec. 6, 1882; farmer with his father; m. June 19, 1907, Louise Carleton, dau. Dea. Sidney Johnson of Newbury. Ch. (1) William Johnson,⁵ b. Dec. 30, 1909. (2) Leonard Nelson,⁵ b. Aug. 17, 1911.
- iv. Mary Lizette,⁴ b. Oct. 10, 1857; m. at Kahului, Hawaiian Islands, Alexander Bailey. She d. Jan. 1, 1888. Ch. Margaret Stuart,⁵ b. May 16, 1886.
- v. Janet Cunningham,⁴ b. Dec. 6, 1858; d. Jan. 10, 1892.
- vi. Martha Annot,⁴ b. Feb. 21, 1860; m. Oct. 21, 1885, Charles F. Bailey of Haverhill, N. H.; res. Lawrence, Mass. Ch. (1) Randall Monteith,⁵ b. May 8, 1890. (2) Alan Nelson,⁵ b. Aug. 18, 1894.
- vii. Laura Kimball,⁴ b. July 31, 1861; m. 1st, June 2, 1886, Lucius K.

Hazen of St. Johnsbury. Ch. Margaret Ouida,⁵ b. April 16, 1890. She m. 2d, Feb. 17, 1907, Dr. Rufus Thurston of Boston, Mass., and res. there. Dr. T. d. April 8, 1911.

viii. Sophia Beattie,⁴ b. March 21, 1863; d. July 26, 1871.

ix. Lois Lydia,⁴ b. May 20, 1865; m. Sept. 16, 1891, Benjamin R. Atwood of Provincetown, Mass.; res. Somerville, Mass. Ch. (1) Janet,⁵ b. June 20, 1892; d. Nov. 22, 1904. (2) Doris,⁵ b. Oct. 6, 1897.

x. Alexander Peter,⁴ b. July 7, 1867; m. Seattle, Wash., 1904, Margaret Shaunessey; res. Aberdeen, Wash.

xi. Caroline Elizabeth,⁴ b. Nov. 26, 1869; d. June 26, 1875.

xii. Gertrude Alma,⁴ b. Sept. 14, 1872; m. June 22, 1892, James P. Stearns of Springfield, Mass. Ch. (1) Dorothy Nelson,⁵ b. May 26, 1893. (2) Scott Monteith,⁵ b. April 28, 1898.

16 ELIZABETH ANN,³ (John,² William,¹) b. Nov. 14, 1827; grad. Newbury Seminary, 1851; teacher. Was m. Aug. 10, 1854 by Rev. James McArthur to Rev. Fenner E. King. (He was b. at Cambridge, N. Y., Dec. 25, 1825; grad. Wesleyan University, 1854; entered the faculty of Newbury Seminary, 1855; principal, 1858-'62; in the ministry of the M. E. Church 1862-'67. when his health gave way; farmer at Corydon, Wayne Co., Iowa till death March 30, 1869.) She again became a teacher and taught 15 years and is still actively engaged in Sunday School and Missionary work. She has had 18 gr. ch. of whom 13 are living.

Children:

i. William Nelson,⁴ [King] b. Newbury, May 9, 1858; farmer and stock dealer at Corydon, Iowa.

ii. Fred Ervin,⁴ b. Newbury, Oct. 18, 1860; ed. Lawrence, Mass., and Newbury Seminary; Supt. of city schools at Escanaba, Mich. Received degree of A. B. in special course and expects to receive degree of A. M., from the Univ. of Baltimore.

iii. John Wesley,⁴ b. Cabot, Vt., Oct. 14, 1862; farmer near Corydon, Iowa.

iv. Laura Anna,⁴ b. Jonesville, N. Y., Jan. 8, 1867; m. C. A. Meredith, a lawyer of Cass Co., Iowa, which he has twice represented in the legislature.

17 ROBERT J.,³ (John,² Wm.,¹) b. March 20, 1832; m. Aug. 29, 1865, by Rev. J. M. Beattie, Margaret B., dau. Wm. Nelson of Newbury (b. July 29, 1836). Rem. to Iowa, 1867; ret. 1876; went back to Iowa, 1890.

Children:

i. Annie,⁴ b. Iowa, Nov. 17, 1868; m. Jan. 1, 1901, E. M. Probasco, lawyer at Vinita, Ind. Ter.

ii. William John,⁴ b. Dec. 10, 1870.

iii. Agnes Annot,⁴ b. Ryegate, Sept. 4, 1878; m. Dec. 6, 1900, Frank C. Downey of Dexter, Iowa.

iv. Mary Belle,⁴ b. Jan. 1, 1881; d. Jan. 7, 1903.

18 WILLIAM GIBSON,³ (James,² William,¹) b. Ryegate, March 27, 1809. Studied under Rev. Wm. Pringle. Ap. 1833, Captain, 3d Co. 1st Reg. Inf 2d Brigade of Vt. militia; studied medicine and grad. Dartmouth Medical College, Nov. 16, 1836, and was made demonstrator of anatomy, and later instructor in surgery. He declined the chair of surgery, made vacant by the retirement of Prof. Mussey, insisting that the position should be held by an older man, and Dr. Dixi Crosby was chosen. He also attended Harvard Univ. and was for a time, surgeon to the Marine Hospital. In practice in Barnet till May, 1845, where he was widely and favorably known, and was the first to perform several important operations, one being the removal of a portion of the intestine in a case of strangulated hernia. He m. at Cambridge, N. Y., March 14, 1839, Eliza Mary, dau. of Rev. Alexander Bullions, D. D., and sister of the wife of Rev. Wm. Pringle, gr. dau. of Rev. David Goodwillie. Rem. to Cambridge, N. Y., in May, 1845. His departure from Vermont was greatly regretted. Sir Thaddeus Fair-

banks offered him a house in St. Johnsbury if he would locate there. He became a leading physician and surgeon in that part of N. Y., where he d. Feb. 7, 1852. His death was greatly lamented, as he was not only an eminent physician, but a man of singularly winsome temperament, of strict integrity, and unselfish devotion to the duties of his profession. Mrs. Nelson d.

Children:

- i. Alexander Bullions,⁴ b. Barnet, 1840; d. y.
- ii. Mary Ellen,⁴ b. Barnet, 1842; d. y.
- iii. William Henry,⁴ b. Barnet, 1844; d. in the Union Army in Va.
- 31 iv. James Robert,⁴ b. Cambridge, N. Y., 1848.
- v. Seraph Stevenson,⁴ b. Cambridge, 1851; d. 1899.
- 19 JEAN STEWART,³ (James,² William,¹) b. Aug. 28, 1810; attended Peacham Academy; m. Feb. 2, 1837, by Rev. Wm. Pringle, to Nathaniel Batchelder of Bath (b. May 9, 1803.) Lived in Barnet, 1837-41, Ryegate, 1841-51, Barnet, 1851, till death. He d. Jan. 26, 1891. She d. Jan. 11, 1892. Members of the United Pres. chs. of Ryegate and Barnet. Nathaniel Batchelder, was a son of James Batchelder, a Rev. Sol. from Deerfield, N. H., who was with Washington at Valley Forge and Yorktown. He was a descendant of Rev. Stephen Batchelder, a noted citizen of Newbury, Mass., and Hampton, N. H., who came from England in 1630.

Children:

- i. Agnes G.,⁴ [Batchelder] b. Barnet, Nov. 20, 1837; m. Nov. 11, 1862 to Andrew G. S. Corliss at Danville, by Rev. John Eastman. Res. in Cabot.

Children:

1. James L.,⁵ [Corliss] b. Nov. 13, 1863; d. Sept. 11, 1865.
2. Allie Jean,⁵ b. Jan. 26, 1867; m. June 14, 1876, Geo. A. French of Cabot; res. E. Rochester, N. Y. (a) Charles E.,⁶ [French] b. Jan. 30, 1887. (b) Agnes E.,⁶ b. Jan. 1, 1891; d. Barre, Vt., Sept. 11, 1892. (c) Ethel May,⁶ b. Barre, May 1, 1893. (d) Harry A.,⁶ b. Cabot, Oct. 24, 1894. (e) Henry E.,⁶ b. Sept. 25, 1896; d. 1898. (f) Flora Belle,⁶ b. Nov. 2, 1898. (g) Theodore R.,⁶ b. Feb. 16, 1903.
- ii. James,⁴ [Batchelder] b. Barnet, March 20, 1841; m. 1861, Mary Fuller. He enlisted from R. into Co. F, 13th Vt.; d. at Union Mills, Va., April 13, 1863. Ch. Margaret J.,⁵ b. Ryegate, May, 1862; m. Wm. Rogers; res. Lyndon, Vt.
- iii. Nathaniel,⁴ [Batchelder] b. Ryegate, Vt., Dec. 5, 1843; enlisted in Co. A, 11th Vt.; d. in rebel prison at Andersonville on Oct. 27, 1864.
- iv. Margaret Jane,⁴ [Batchelder] b. Ryegate, Oct. 17, 1843; d. Barnet, Sept. 22, 1859.
- v. William John,⁴ [Batchelder] b. Ryegate, Dec. 13, 1845; m. 1st, Boston, Mass., Nellie A. Gilman. Ch. (1) Jean Stuart,⁵ b. Oct. 15, 1876; m. Oct. 7, 1896, Elmer S. Chipman. 1 Ch. Res. Boston. (2) Bertha Margaret.⁵ He m. 2d, Olive E. Stone; res. Loudon, N. H.
- vi. George Bancroft,⁴ [Batchelder] b. Ryegate, Dec. 4, 1848; m. Barnet, Jan. 1, 1871, Sylvia Tilden.

Children all born in Barnet.

1. Frank W.,⁵ b. March 18, 1872; d. Barnet.
2. Katherine L.,⁵ b. March 9, 1874; m. Gordon Goss of St. Johnsbury.
3. Jennie M.,⁵ b. May 22, 1876; m. Collins Brodien; res. St. Johnsbury. 2 ch.
4. Grace C.,⁵ b. Sept. 17, 1878; m. John Ricker of St. Johnsbury. 3 ch.
5. John T.,⁵ b. Aug. 17, 1880; m. June 21, 1905, Orris B. Carpenter; res. St. Johnsbury.
- vii. Mary Elizabeth,⁴ [Batchelder] b. Ryegate, Aug. 22, 1850; m. June 4, 1879, Gilbert Blair of Barnet.



DR. WM. GIBSON NELSON.



SAMUEL WARDELL NELSON.



DR. J. R. NELSON.

Children:

1. Nellie Marion,⁵ b. April 30, 1880; m. Frank Shaw of Peacham. 1 ch.
 2. Joseph N.,⁵ b. Feb. 2, 1882; res. Barnet.
 3. John Batchelder,⁵ b. April 18, 1883; res. Seattle, Wash.
 4. Margaret Jean,⁵ b. March 31, 1884; grad. Peacham Academy.
 5. Mabel Agnes,⁵ b. July 24, 1887; grad. Peacham Academy.
 6. Bertha Elizabeth,⁵ b. May 16, 1890.
- viii. Isabel,⁴ [Batchelder] b. Dec. 16, 1854; m. July 4, 1883, James Morgan of Barnet.

Children:

1. Mary Elizabeth,⁵ b. March 6, 1884; m. Pliny Dowse. 2 ch.
 2. Albert,⁵ b. June 9, 1886.
 3. Barbara Jean,⁵ b. Jan. 16, 1899.
- 20 ROBERT,³ (James,² William,¹) b. Feb. 24, 1820; owned "Long Meadow farm," which he sold to A. A. Miller; rem. to Wells River, and erected the building now owned by John Butson. He was Justice of the Peace 30 yrs., town representative 1862, '63, holding other offices. He m. Dec. 20, 1849, Isabel R., dau. Andrew Buchanan (b. May 21, 1819; d. R., March 16, 1903) Members of United Pres. ch. He d. at Wells River, Oct. 24, 1900; bur. Ryegate Corner.

Children:

- 32 i. Robert Burns,⁴ b. May 15, 1851.
- ii. Isabel Jean,⁴ b. July 7, 1853; m. A. A. Miller, q. v.
- iii. Martha Agnes,⁴ b. Oct. 20, 1855; m. O. H. Renfrew, q. v.

JAMES,³ (James,² William,¹) b. July 12, 1821; lived for many years on the farm which was intended for his brother, Maj. J. J. Nelson, now owned by Mrs. J. L. Shackford, and bought the old Gray farm Nov. 1877. In 1885 he remodeled the house which was built by William Gray in 1822. The present house was built by him. Held all town offices and was town representative in 1857-'58. He m. by Rev. Jas. McArthur, Dec. 24, 1852, Mary dau. Wm. Gray (b. May 30, 1857; d. Feb. 16, 1883). Her sister Lois, was m. at the same time to Charles Stuart. Members of the United Pres. ch. in which he was one of the strong pillars. He d. July 1, 1885.

Children:

- i. Lewis Henry,⁴ b. Dec. 6, 1853. Res. in the west.
 - ii. Frances Ann,⁴ b. Oct. 8, 1856; m. Sumner C. Gibson, q. v., p. 361.
- 33 iii. George Gray,⁴ b. Nov. 4, 1860.
- iv. Isabel Agnes,⁴ b. Jan. 3, 1866; m. Dec. 28, 1898, W. W. Lowell of So. Dakota. Ch. (1) Raymond Nelson,⁵ b. May 7, 1901. (2) Gertrude Frances,⁵ b. Nov. 12, 1906.

THOMAS,³ (Thomas,² William,¹) b. Jan. 15, 1816; farmer at East Ryegate, and in the old militia rose from a private to Lieut. Col. in the 17th Vt. regiment, when the militia law was repealed in 1844. At the breaking out of the Civil war a company was formed of lumbermen in Essex Co., who sent for Col. Nelson to come and drill them, which he did, and became their captain, and they became Co. I, 3d Vt. Regiment. They left St. Johnsbury, July 24, 1861, Wm. F. Smith, afterward a Major General, being Colonel. Their first fight was at Lewisville, Va., Sept. 11, 1861, in which Amos Meserve of Newbury, was the first man killed. He was a member of Co. C, and is buried at the town house in Newbury. Capt. Nelson was badly wounded in the foot at the battle of Savage Station, June 29, 1862; commissioned Major, Jan. 15, 1863; was in 21 battles; mustered out of service at Burlington, July 27, 1864. Lieut.-Col. S. E. Pingree, afterwards Governor of Vt., was his tent-mate for two years. He held nearly every town office; in politics a democrat; town representative 1845

and 1886. He was very popular, whether at home or in the army, and universally respected. He m. March 19, 1843, Susan Bedell of Bath (b. Sept. 1, 1818; d. March 10, 1905.) "She was a woman of great energy and activity, who managed matters at home in an able manner, while he was fighting the battles of his country." Maj. Nelson d. Jan. 9, 1888; funeral sermon preached by Rev. E. J. Ranslow; bur. in Blue Mt. cemetery.

Children:

- i. Thomas J.,⁴ b. Jan. 7, 1846; was severely injured in childhood by the kick of a horse; served in the army for a time in Mass. regiment of heavy artillery; d. un-m. in Ryegate, May 27, 1887.
- ii. Sarah Addie,⁴ b. April 27, 1847; m. George Cochran, q. v.
- 35 iii. Ellen L.,⁴ b. April 2, 1848; m. A. P. Gilchrist.
- 36 iv. Carlos W.,⁴ b. March 25, 1850.

22a WILLIAM JOHN,³ (Thomas,² William,¹) b. Dec. 5, 1822; farmer, owning the farm now that of Benjamin Fuller, which his father bought in 1844, and conveyed to him in 1845, and which he sold to Mr. Fuller in 1894, to which he added land owned by James Aiken in 1852, and a part of the Roben farm in 1872, making a very large and productive farm. He was the first in town to churn in any other way than by hand power. He was also the first person to bring registered Jersey stock into Ryegate, in 1862. In 1872 he with M. R. Gray brought five registered Jersey cows from the herd of Joseph Powers in Haverhill. Justice of the Peace, holding other town offices. He m. June 24, 1847, Nancy, dau. Archibald Park (b. May 13, 1823; d. Jan. 10, 1887,) a woman of practical sense and great energy. Original members of the First or Gen. Ass. at So. Ryegate, in which he was the 1st elder. He bought, and furnished free of charge for about 12 years, the organ still in use at that church, afterward bought by the society. He m. 2d, Dec. 31, 1892, Meroe Angelette [Crosier] dau. Wm.,³ Miller, now living at Barnet. Wm. J. Nelson d. Aug. 14, 1895. All this family who are d. except Mrs. Buchanan, bur. So. Ryegate.

Children:

1. Martha Calista,⁴ b. March 22, 1849; m. David Buchanan, q. v.
 - ii. Morris,⁴ b. June 12, 1851; d. April 5, 1855.
 - iii. Lizzie Nancy,⁴ b. Feb. 11, 1853; d. June 27, 1865.
 - iv. Abbie Jane,⁴ b. Oct. 20, 1856; d. Aug. 15, 1862.
 - v. Carrie Margaret,⁴ b. Feb. 19, 1859; m. March 14, 1887, Frank Sly; d. Nov. 24, 1877.
 - vi. John William,⁴ b. Dec. 1, 1861 m. March 30, 1887, Virginia J., dau. Wm. J. Henderson. He bought the Gen. Whitelaw farm and d. there, Dec. 7, 1893.
 - vi. Nancy Jane,⁴ b. Sept. 9, 1864; m. Nov. 9, 1892, John A. Crosier, q. v.
 - viii. Birdie Annabel,⁴ b. Sept. 18, 1867; d. July 26, 1873.
- 22b EDWIN,⁴ (John,³ William,² William,¹) b. Monroe, N. H., Sept. 1, 1836; farmer in Monroe till 1872; rem. to Lyman. He m. 1st, Aug. 26, 1860, Phebe Jane, dau. Samuel and Mercy [Hoskins] Gibson (b. Feb. 23, 1840; d. Jan. 1877). 2d, 1879, Anna Hadley. No ch. 3d, 1888, Irena Scales.

Children by first marriage.

- 37 i. William Stuart,⁵ b. June 6, 1861.
- ii. Albert John,⁵ b. April 19, 1865; d. Sept. 10, 1868.
- iii. Frank Kelsea,⁵ b. Jan. 21, 1870; res. in Lisbon.
- iv. George Edwin,⁵ b. Jan. 14; d. Sept. 23, 1872.

By second marriage.

- v. Marion Belle,⁵ b. 1889; m. 1911, Harry Angerton of Lyman.
- 23 WILLIAM WALLACE,⁴ (Robert S.,³ Wm.,² Wm.,¹) b. Lyman (now Monroe) N. H., Oct. 29, 1833; m. there, May 20, 1856, Anna G. Emery (b. Lyman,

Dec. 3, 1837; d. Syketon, No. Dak., Sept. 23, 1896.) They rem. to Ill., 1856, and to Wells Co., No. Dak., in 1883, where he d. at Syketon, March 22, 1905.

Children:

- i. Willie,⁵ b. and d. Jan. 8, 1858.
 - ii. Allan,⁵ b. Oct. 18, 1860; m. at Syketon, No. Dak., by Rev. Wm. Griffith, Dec. 13, 1888, Clara Knotts; res. Medford, Oregon. Ch. (1) Nellie Fern,⁶ b. Dec. 28, 1889. (2) Edgar Allan,⁶ b. Oct. 21, 1890. (3) Grace E.,⁶ b. May 5, 1893. (4) Ernest,⁶ b. May 21, 1895. (5) Albert,⁶ b. June 8, 1903.
 - iii. John C.,⁶ b. Aug. 20, 1862; d. June 1, 1863.
 - iv. John Carlton,⁵ b. May 30, 1864; m. at St Louis, Mo., Feb. 14, 1907, Ida Williams; res. Tonna, Alaska; hotel business and mining.
 - v. William W.,⁵ b. Nov. 5, 1871; res. Tonna, Alaska; un-m.
 - vi. Minnie Stuart,⁵ b. Rockbridge, Ill., Jan. 13, 1874; ed. at State Normal School, Valley City, N. D.; teacher 3 yrs.; m. Syketon, 1898, Geo. A. Harris, (b. Dexter, Mich., June 18, 1867; farmer at Heaton, N. D. Ch. (1) George Carlton,⁶ b. June 30, 1899. (2) Gladys M.,⁶ b. May 28, 1900. (3) Emma M.,⁶ b. March 27, 1903. (4) Nelson,⁶ b. Jan. 17, 1908.
- 24 ROBERT STUART,⁴ (Robert G.,³ Wm.,² Wm.,¹) b. 1848; ed. com. sch., and Bunker Hill Acad., served 100 days in the Union army at the close of the Civil war, at the age of 16, having run away to enlist; in grain trade and shipping bus., but is now a commercial traveler. He m. Litchfield, Ill., April 4, 1872, Harriet A. Jones.

Children:

- i. Robert Stuart Kent,⁵ b. Marvel, Ill., Aug. 3, 1876; grad. Med. Dept., Ill. State Univ.; became surgeon in reg. army, and captain in the med. corps. He m. at Manila, P. I., Dec. 24, 1904, Edith M. Wills. Ch. (1) Janet M.,⁶ (2) Augusta Charlotte.⁶
 - ii. Wayne Stillman,⁵ b. Marvel, Ill., Aug. 16, 1882; edu. Whipple Acad., Jacksonville, Ill., and St. Albans Military Acad.; traveling salesman. He m. at Peoria, Ill., Aug. 2, 1904, Harriet I. Booth.
- 24a SUSAN MORSE,⁵ [Stevens] (Hannah,³ Wm.,² Wm.,¹) b. Bath, N. H., May 2, 1826; m. April 6, 1848, Orrin Ferguson (b. Lyman, July 18, 1820) lived in Monroe; rem. to Ill. 1863. (This record is by Miller without change.)

Children:

- i. William H.,⁵ [Ferguson] b. Monroe, March 16, 1849; ed. Shurtleff Coll. Ill.; grad. St. Louis Med. Coll.; physibian. He m. March, 1876, Jennie S. Muzzey of Bunker Hill, Ill.
 - ii. George Edwin,⁵ [Ferguson] b. Jan. 30, 1852. Telegraph op. Drowned at Grinnell, Iowa, Sept. 4, 1878.
 - iii. Fred Miller,⁵ [Ferguson] b. Aug. 2, 1854; Prof. of Math. and Phys. in Bethany Inst. at Godfrey, Ill.
 - iv. Augustus Ripley,⁵ [Ferguson] b. Monroe, July 12, 1856; m. Elizabeth Cate, 1874
 - v. Carrie Augusta Blake,⁵ [Ferguson] b. April 26, 1858; res. in Monroe.
 - vi. Arthur Weston,⁵ [Ferguson] b. Feb. 1, 1860.
 - vii. Charles Cushman,⁵ [Ferguson] b. Godfrey, Ill., Sept. 28, 1874.
 - viii. Mary Susan,⁵ [Ferguson] b. Bighton, Ill., Feb. 26, 1861.
- 25 JABEZ BIGELOW,⁴ (Robert G.,³ Robert,² William,¹) b. Monroe, N. H., Nov. 8, 1832; went to Ill., 1850; in Lyman, 1852-'54; in Cal. Jan. 1854-'58; farmer in Lyman 1858-'62; enlisted Sept. 1862, in Co. D, 13th N. H.; prom. to 2d Sergeant and was in command of his Co. at Cold Harbor and Petersburg; must. out July, 1865; removed to Butte Co., Cal., April, 1879, later, near Los Angeles. He m. 1st, March, 1860, Rebecca Lang of Bath, who d. 1865. 2d, Jan. 21, 1869, at Monroe, Polly Ann, dau. John Park of Ryegate (b. March 20, 1846; d. near Los Angeles, June 11, 1893.) He d. there 1905.

Children:

- i. Maverick S.,⁵ b. Monroe, Oct. 3, 1870; d. Cal. June 16, 1884.
- ii. Anna Belle,⁵ b. Bath, N. H., Sept. 4, 1872.
- iii. Lucius William,⁵ b. Monroe, N. H., Sept. 4, 1874.
- iv. Alonzo B.,⁵ b. Cal., March 27, 1881.
- v. Ella J.,⁵ b. Cal., Aug. 28, 1883.

25a WILLIAM R.,⁴ (Robert G.,³ Robert,² Wm.,¹) b. Lyman, N. H., June 13, 1830; lived on his father's farm at Haverhill and E. Barnet. He m. May 1, 1856. Lydia J. Way (b. Lyman, April 15, 1829; d. E. Barnet, Aug. 1889.) He d. E. Barnet, Dec. 1884.

Children:

- i. Horace,⁵ b. April 11, 1857; m. July 4, 1883, Flora Locke; res. in Cal. Ch. Locke,⁶ b. Oct. 1884.
- 37 ii. Wilbur,⁵ b. May 8, 1859.
- iii. Laura,⁵ b. April 6, 1861; teacher at Windsor, Vt.; res. with her sister at Hartland, Vt.
- iv. George A.,⁵ b. March 25, 1863; farmer at E. Barnet. He m. Dec. 11, 1889, Cissie J. Miles of Waterford. Ch. (1) Miles,⁶ b. Sept. 1891, (2) Margery,⁶ b. July, 1893.
- v. Mary A.,⁵ b. Jan. 2, 1865; m. 1895, Rev. C. O. Gill. They went to China as missionaries in 1895, but were obliged to return because of ill health. Mr. Gill is now pastor of the Cong. ch. at Hartland, Vt., having had charges at Jericho, Vt., and W. Lebanon, N. H. Ch. (1) Laura,⁶ (2) Stanley,⁶ (3) Charles Farrington,⁶
- vi. Cynthia Alice,⁵ b. Jan. 7, 1867; res. in Boston, emp. in Partridge's studio at Brookline.
- vii. Jennie B.,⁵ b. July 4, 1870; d. July 15, 1885.
- viii. Lydia B.,⁵ b. Nov. 24, 1873; d. Feb. 22, 1875.

25b HUGH,⁴ (Nathan,³ Robert,² William,¹) b. Monroe, Nov. 2, 1858; is a prominent citizen of M., owning several farms. He m. Feb. 1, 1888, Eliza, dau. Nathaniel and Agnes [Paddleford] Bolton (b. Feb. 1, 1862.)

Children:

- i. Ruth,⁵ b. Feb. 20, 1892.
- ii. Philip,⁵ b. April 6, 1894.
- iii. Dorothy,⁵ b. Sept. 29, 1895.
- iv. Isabel,⁵ b. Dec. 14, 1903.

26 JOHN HAMILTON,⁴ (John F.,³ John,² Wm.,¹) b. June 6, 1853; edu. Com. Sch. and Peacham Acad. Bought, 1884, the farm which was formerly that of his gr. father, Alexander Gibson, where he now res. He m. April, 22, 1885, Annette, dau. Amos Abbott (b. Ryegate, Dec. 23, 1861.) Members of U. P. ch.

Children:

- i. Mae Elizabeth,⁵ b. Feb. 27, 1886; grad. St. Johnsbury Acad., 1906; teacher; m. June 29, 1910, Robert E. Lewis of St. Johnsbury. Ch. John Robert,⁶ b. April 12, 1911.
- ii. Walter Alexander,⁵ b. June 6, 1887; att. St. Johnsbury Acad. At home.
- iii. Raleigh Eugene,⁵ b. Jan. 23, 1889; att. St. J. Acad.; emp. in Pittsfield, Mass.
- iv. Margaret Annette,⁵ b. June 16, 1890; grad. St. J. Acad., 1910; teacher grad. from the Clark School, Northampton, Mass., 1912.
- v. John Amos,⁵ b. July 26, 1894; in St. J. Acad.
- vi. Philip Arthur,⁵ b. May 27, 1896.
- xii. Dorothy Agnes,⁵ b. Aug. 29, 1898.
- xiii. Florence Clara,⁵ b. Nov. 21, 1900.

27 SAMUEL FREMONT,⁴ (John F.,³ John,² William,¹) b. May 5, 1856; farmer, owning the farm of his grandfather, John Nelson. He m. Nov. 7, 1883, Janet Louise, dau. James Esden of Barnet, b. Sept. 21, 1853. Members of U. P. ch. Town rep. 1906-'07.

Children:

- i. Harry Merton,⁵ b. Oct. 5, 1884; grad. Cornell Univ., 1908; mechanical engineer in N. Y.
 - ii. John Esden,⁵ b. Dec. 26, 1887; grad. at Cornell Univ., 1910.; civil eng.
 - iii. James Fremont,⁵ b. Aug. 2, 1893; grad. St. J. Acad. 1911.
- 28 LIZZIE BELL,⁴ (John F.,³ John,² Wm.,¹) b. March 13, 1859; m. Jan. 7, 1885, James McBride of Amber, Iowa.

Children:

- i. John Nelson,⁵ b. Nov. 3, 1885.
 - ii. Pliny Gibson,⁵ b. Sept. 17, 1887.
 - iii. Joseph Evan,⁵ b. Sept. 29, 1890.
- 29 HARRY ALBERT,⁴ (John F.,³ John,² William,¹) b. May 24, 1863; farmer, owning the farm near Ticklenaked Pond formerly that of Granville G. Meader; built a new house in 1907; the old house was built by Sylvanus Learned. He m. at Center Junction, Iowa, Dec. 24, 1889, by Rev. A. W. McConnell, Luella Etta Coder. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson and dau. are members of the U. P. ch.

Children:

- i. Elsie Marion,⁵ b. Feb. 12, 1891; m. Jan. 25, 1911, Calvin H. Murray of Ryegate.
 - ii. Leroy Coder,⁵ b. June 8, 1904.
- 30 WILLIAM HARLAND,⁴ (John F.,³ John,² William,¹) b. Nov. 2, 1868; farmer, owning the farm which was his father's at the Corner. He m. 1st. Oct. 4, 1893, Effie Mae, dau. Edward and Charlotte [Morrison] Holmes. She d. March 7, 1900. 2d, Dec. 15, 1903, Emma Louise, dau. Wm. H. and Edna B. [McAllister] Goodfellow. Members of U. P. ch.

Children:

- i. Effie Mae,⁵ b. Oct. 17, 1904.
 - ii. Lora Belle,⁵ b. Jan. 3, 1906.
 - iii. Alice Louise,⁵ b. Jan. 23, 1907.
 - iv. John Findley,⁵ b. Oct. 4, 1908.
 - v. Edna Lucille,⁶ b. May 23, 1910.
- 31 JAMES ROBERT,⁴ (Wm. G.,³ James,² Wm.,¹) b. Cambridge, N. Y., Jan. 13, 1848; edu. Washington Acad., Cambridge, grad. Columbia Univ. Coll. of Physicians and Surgeons, 1869; entered the office of Dr. John L. Campbell, N. Y., as surgeon, but overwork demanded a change; in very successful practice at Wells River 1872-1886; rem. to St. Johnsbury, 1886, in practice there, specializing his work upon diseases of the Eye and ear spending several winters in study in N. Y. City; rem. there, 1897, and was placed on the staff of the Manhattan Eye and ear Hospital and the Delmit Dispensary; instructor in diseases of the Eye in the Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital. His researches and discoveries have been attended with excellent results. Rem. 1900 to Kingston-on-the-Hudson devoting his entire practice to his specialty; dipealmologist of Kingston City Hospital; member of Ulster Co. Dipthalmogist, Med. Soc. of the N. Y. State Medical Soc., Am. Med. Ass., Vice-Pres. Kingston Board of Trade, Vice-Pres. Ulster Co., Branch of Nat. Red Cross Soc. He m. at Wells River, April, 1874, Lillias A., dau. Samuel A. Moore.

Children both born at Wells River.

- i. Lillias,⁵ b. March 6, 1875.
 - ii. Samuel Wardale,⁵ b. July 31, 1880; ed. St. Johnsbury graded schools and Academy; attended in N. Y., a preparatory school for Yale Univ.; d. Dec. 3, 1900. A young man of great promise, maturity of character, and personal worth.
- 32 ROBERT BURNS,⁴ (Robert,³ James,² William,¹) b. Ryegate, May 15, 1851; lived in Ryegate and Newbury (Wells River.) He m. at Lisbon, N. H., Sept. 16, 1873, Lizzie E., dau. Andrew J. Millis. Both d.

Children:

- i. Isabel Ellen,⁵ b. Newbury (W. R.) June 29, 1874; m. Barre, Vt., March 14, 1903, Walter M. Cook of Barre. Ch. (1) Willie Mason,⁶ [Cook] b. June 23, 1904. (2) Nelson Clinton,⁶ [Cook] b. July 6, 1905. (3) Marion Elizabeth,⁶ [Cook] b. Nov. 10, 1906. (4) Robert Raymond,⁶ b. Washington, Vt., April 6, 1912.
 - ii. Andrew George,⁵ b. Ryegate, Nov. 20, 1876; d. Sept. 19, 1878.
 - iii. Robert Knox,⁵ b. Ryegate, Oct. 4, 1379; m. at Barre, Vt., May 18, 1904, Priscilla L. White. Ch. (1) Robert Millis,⁶ b. Feb. 6, 1905. (2) Roland White,⁶ b. Boston, Mass., June, 1911.
 - iv. Maude E.,⁵ (twin to above) m. Barre, Vt., June 12, 1900, David Arthur.
 - v. Clinton Burns,⁵ b. May 1, 1882; m. at N. Y. City, March 1908, Mamie Keller.
- 33 GEORGE GRAY,⁴ (James,³ James,² Wm.,¹) b. Nov. 4, 1860; farmer on the old Gray farm, one of the largest in town; has been merchant at E. Ryegate, also dealer in western grain and horses; has held all town offices and was town representative in 1904-'05. He m. Jan. 1, 1895, Rosa Addie, dau. John and Susan (Quint) Park.

Children:

- i. Marion Evelyn,⁵ b. Dec. 10, 1896.
 - ii. Letha Elizabeth,⁵ b. Jan. 29, 1901.
 - iii. Hassall Edgar,⁵ b. March 15, 1906.
- 34 ELLEN L.,⁴ (Thomas,³ Thomas,² William,¹) b. April 2, 1848; m. Nov. 24, 1868, Alexander P. Gilchrist of Barnet [McIndoes] who d. 1882. She ret. to the homestead after his d. and d. there Dec. 17, 1907. Member of Cong. ch. McIndoes from girlhood. Bur. at McIndoes.

Children born in Barnet.

- i. Walter Alexander,⁵ b. Nov. 5, 1869. Att. McIndoes Acad., grad. Eastman's Bus. Coll. Poughkeepsie, N. Y., 1889; farmer on the Thos. Nelson homestead; sec'y and treas. E. Ryegate creamery, and director of farmer's club. School director 3 yrs. giving much time to the duties connected with it. He m. May 16, 1896, E. Winnifred, dau. C. M. Wallace, a successful teacher and grad. of Johnson Normal Sch. He d. after a long illness, Aug. 30, 1898.
 - ii. Alice May,⁵ b. July 1873; m. Sept. 15, 1896, Clarence E., son of Edwin and Martha [Stevens] Bedell (b. Topsham, Vt., Oct. 17, 1862). They purchased the Thos. Nelson homestead 1899 and res. there. Ch. Orpha Ellen,⁶ b. Jan. 30, 1900.
 - iii. Ellen N.,⁵ b. May, 1875; m. Sept. 15, 1896 (same time and place as her sister,) Herman D. Chamberlin. Res. McIndoes, where he is butter-maker at the creamery. Ch. (1) Nelson W.,⁶ b. Sept. 23, 1897. (2) Walter G.,⁶ b. June 9, 1899. (3) Madeline E.,⁶ b. June 11, 1901.
- 35 CARLOS WILLIAM,⁴ (Thomas,³ Thomas,² Wm.,¹) b. March 25, 1850; sawyer in lumber mills several yrs.; m. March 25, 1873, Carrie J., dau. Robert Miller; res. McIndoes 3 yrs.; rem. to R. March 25, 1878, bought the farm of James Nelson, where he d. May 5, 1883.

Children:

- i. Infant son,⁵ d. at one one-half days.
- ii. Harley Willard,⁵ b. McIndoes, June 30, 1875; ed. McIndoes Acad., also course in dairying at Burlington; butter-maker at Bath creamery, 15 yrs., also in livery bus.; merchant at Bath Vill. from Jan. 1912; res. Bath where he has built a house in modern style. He m. July 8, 1896, Mary Paddleford of McIndoes. Ch. (1) Mildred Abbie,⁶ b. 1897. (2) Harold Guy,⁶ b. 1898.
- iii. Claude Elmer,⁵ b. Ryegate, May 23, 1880; butter-maker some years at Groton creamery; rented the home farm 2 yrs.; bought 1912 the William Gardner farm in Newbury. He m. June 20, 1907, Birdella C., dau. James H. Gardner of Newbury. Ch. (1) Elmer Madison,⁶ b. Sept. 1908. (2) Carrie J.,⁶ b. Aug. 1910.

- iv. Mabel Julia,⁵ b. Ryegate May 4, 1881; m. July 19, 1899, Bernest L. Terry, merchant at So. Ryegate, and res. there.
- v. Carlos W.,⁵ b. Ryegate, Dec. 8, 1883; butter-maker at Jersey Hill creamery; bought a farm at Hampstead, N. H., and rem. there April, 1910. He m. Jan. 1, 1908, Florence Edith, dau. Wm. W. Chalmers of Topsham.

After Mr. Nelson's death Mrs. Nelson sold the farm to W. H. Symes, carried it on 5 yrs., then bought it back, the barn having been doubled in length and the other buildings improved. Mrs. Nelson was very successful in dairying, in one year producing nearly six tons of butter, an average of 329 lbs. per cow, has taken nearly \$500 in premiums, including 1st prizes at Vt. Dairyman's Asso., 1892; World's Food Fair, 1894; Vt. State Fair, 1894; Vt. Butter and Cheese Makers Asso. 1898; and a bronze medal at the Paris Exposition, 1900. Her work goes to market in half lb. prints. She has added to the farm and now has 216 acres, and her sons learned butter-making at home. Mrs. Nelson m. 2d, Aug. 1902, John L. Shackford of Lowell, Mass. Res. on the farm.

- 36 WILLIAM STUART,⁵ (Edwin,⁴ John,³ Wm.,² Wm.,¹) b. Monroe, N. H., June 6, 1861; com. sch. edu. Began in a peg factory at Lisbon, while a mere boy, learned the bus. completely and became supt. in 1884. In Cal., Dec. 1887—June, 1890, for the benefit of wife's health, and was manager of circulation for the Los Angeles Times on the east side. Ret. to Lisbon, June, 1890, and began again the peg business, which had been a complete financial failure there, and with F. J. and Ovid D. Moore, organized the Moore Peg. Co. In 1896 he visited Europe, where most of their product found a market, and in 1897 they built a new mill, and fitted it with machinery designed by him, and which has been very successful. In 1902, Ovid D. Moore died and Mr. Nelson bought the interest of his estate and that of the other partner, continuing the bus. alone under the original firm name, shipping his entire product to Europe, Mexico and South America. He m. 1st, Jan. 3, 1886, Genevieve, dau. Ovid and Harriet (Howland) Moore (b. Bristol, N. H., Nov. 10, 1856; d. Lisbon, May 11, 1894.) 2d, Nov. 11, 1903, Eva Dennett, who d. Jan. 21, 1905; 3d, March 20, 1912, Bess M. Wheeler.
- 37 WILBUR,⁵ (Wm. R.,⁴ Robert G.,³ Robert,² Wm.,¹) b. Monroe, N. H., May 8, 1859; farmer and in lumber bus.; res. Barnet. He m. 1st, Oct. 15, 1889, Bertha S. Hoyt of Passumpsic (b. Sept. 7, 1867; d. Dec. 5, 1891.) 2d, March 21, 1895, Addie L. Woodard, wid. of A. P. McLarin (b. Jan. 3, 1862; d. Sept. 4, 1904). 3d, Agnes E., dau., Wm. B. Gibson (b. Feb. 11, 1868).

Children: By 1st marriage.

- i. and ii. Twins who d. in infancy.
- iii. Jennie Bertha,⁶ b. Oct. 5, 1871.
By 2d marriage.
- iv. William James,⁶ b. June 27, 1897.
By 3d marriage.
- v. Marion Addie,⁶ b. Oct. 2, 1906.
- vi. Dwight Wilbur,⁶ b. Aug. 17, 1908.
- vii. Pearl Edwin,⁶ b. Feb. 9, 1910.

The fact that no fewer than 993 descendants of William Nelson are mentioned by name in this volume indicates the large space which this family has held in the life of Ryegate. They have not only been numerous but influential, people of good standing, selectmen in the town and elders in the church. William Nelson was town representative two years, and that office was held by some of his descendants during 26 years more. Each generation has inherited, and has transmitted to its successors, certain traits of energy, enterprise, and foresight which have been

effective here and in other parts of the country as well. Its members have seldom turned aside from agricultural or business pursuits, and professional life has attracted comparatively few of them. But they have helped to form in every locality where they have gone, that sterling, substantial class upon which the prosperity of the country rests.

THE JAMES NELSON FAMILY.

JAMES¹ Nelson, half-brother of William Nelson, was b. at Erskine, Scotland, 1753; came to America with John Waddell and Thomas McKeith, landing at Portsmouth and reaching Ryegate on Oct. 1st. He seems to have come in the same ship as his brother, but having no family, made the journey from the sea-port much quicker. He settled on land north of his brother, afterward owned in part by Wm. J. Gibson, and in part by Robert Symes. In 1797 he bought six lots in the west part of the town from William Houston of Erskine, Scotland (see p. 262) and rem. there clearing the farm long afterward owned by Samuel W. Clark. Here he spent the rest of his life, and was a very industrious man, holding town offices and member of the Associate church. He m. 1st, in 1780, Hannah Davis of Piermont, who d. ab. 1784. 2d, ab. 1785, Janet Montgomery, who came from Scotland with John Ritchie and wife. Mr. Miller thinks she d. 1788, and he m. 3d, in 1789, Elizabeth, sister of Andrew Miller, and niece of the wife of Robert Brock, Sr. James Nelson with his 3d wife and eldest dau. are buried in the west, or "Hall" cemetery, his 1st two wives and one son are buried in the "Old Scotch Cemetery." He d. Nov. 26, 1839, aged 94, and his wife, Nov. 17, 1849.

Children (dates of birth from town rec.) By 1st m.

- i. Hannah,² b. March 26, 1780; d. May 7, 1838. She m. 1st, Henry Buchanan of Barnet. 2d, William,³ (Wm.,² Wm.,¹) Nelson, q. v. 3d, Joseph Dickey, q. v.
- ii. William,² b. Dec. 20, 1782; d. 1783.

By 2d marriage.

- iii. James,² b. Aug. 20, 1786; went to Canada West, where he reared a family and d. 1864.

By 3d marriage.

- 1 iv. George,² b. Sept. 17, 1787. By another rec. Sept. 14, 1788.
- v. Jean,² b. Feb. 3, 1790; d. April 2, 1880; m. James Renfrew, q. v.
- 2 vi. William,² b. Feb. 7, 1792.
- vii. Margaret,² b. Dec. 26, 1794; d. Oct. 14, 1880; m. Hiram Witcher. 10 ch. of whom 3 d. y. The others were Henry, Abner, Lovinia, who m. Andrew Renfrew; Naomi, who m. Thos. Kasson; Ruth m. Edwin Tuttle; Julia and Lois who m. bros. named Richardson. (See History of Newbury.)
- viii. Elizabeth,² b. Sept. 19, 1797; m. Andrew Renfrew, q. v.
- ix. Mary,² b. May 27, 1800; m. by Rev. Jas. Milligan, April 14, 1825, John Corruith. No record.
- x. John,² b. Dec. 3, 1803; d. 1805.
- 3 xi. Alexander,² b. April 18, 1805.
- 1 GEORGE,² (James,¹) farmer; lived a little below where Mrs. McLennan lives, afterward called the Latto place. All his chil. were b. there; bought the Wm. Nelson farm ab. 1842, but failed in bus. in 1847; captain in the militia ab. 1820; member of Associate Pres. ch. and ord. elder April 16, 1836. He m. by Peter McLaughlin, July 3, 1816, Margaret, dau. Hugh Gardner (b. June 10, 1783; d. Feb. 3, 1843).

NOTE. Mr. Miller understood that William and James Nelson had brothers and sisters in Scotland, but the name of only one has come down to us—Archibald who is mentioned on pp. 95 and 460.

Children:

- i. William James,³ b. April 29, 1817; went to Boston to work ab. 1846, then to Cal., where he d. un-m Nov. 1855.
- ii. Hannah Jane,³ b. Sept. 6, 1818; d. March 17, 1874; m. James R. Park, q. v.
- iii. John,³ b. Oct. 13, 1819; clerk for Wm. Whitehill, and schoolmaster; went to Pittsburgh, Pa., where he took daguerrotypes; accumulated property and m. there, where he d. June 20, 1869.
- iv. Hugh Gardner,³ b. March 21, 1821; taught school, and studied law in Groton. Went to California in Oct. 1849, reaching there April 2, 1850, where he was one yr. in mining. Started for Australia in fall of 1851. In mining one yr., then in real estate bus. 1853-'69, where he became blind, and his partners swindled him out of all his property, a large amount. At the instance of Hon. L. P. Poland, M. C., he was sent to Am. by the Am. consul at Melbourne. Reached Cal. 1876. His bro. Robert went out and brought him home. He d. at So. Ryegate, Aug. 20, 1890.
- 4 v. Alexander,³ b. Jan. 5, 1823; d. March 4, 1875.
- 5 vi. Robert³ b. Sept. 21, 1824; d. Feb. 22, 1895.
- vii. Isabel,³ b. Feb. 18, 1826; d. Dec. 14, 1902; m. Oct. 21, 1847, John Bailey of Newbury. (See History of Newbury.)
- viii. Eliza J.,³ b. Jan. 1, 1828; m. Moses B. Hall, q. v.
- ix. Thomas Miller,³ b. June 16, 1830; d. Aug. 16, 1831.
- x. Margaret,³ b. July 19, 1831; d. June 13, 1832.
- 6 xi. Thomas Miller,³ b. Dec. 13, 1832.
- xii. Mary Ann,³ b. Nov. 2, 1834; m. James T. H. McLure, q. v.
- 2 WILLIAM,² (James,¹) b. Feb. 7, 1793; m. March 19, 1818, Ruth, dau. Dominicus Gray, a revolutionary soldier from Maine. Lived in Ryegate till after 1840; rem. to Hardwick where she d. May 30, 1865. He d. Feb. 17, 1872.

Children all born in Ryegate.

- i. Sarah G.,³ b. Dec. 25, 1818; d. Hardwick, Aug. 22, 1856.
- ii. Elizabeth N.,³ b. Feb. 8, 1821; m. June 15, 1843, Charles N. Shedd. She d. April 19, 1909. 3 chil.
- iii. Miles G.,³ b. Aug. 29, 1823; m. Jan. 28, 1852, Sarah M. Swett. He d. at H., Sept. 3, 1895. 5 chil.
- iv. Margaret A.,³ b. Oct. 21, 1825; m. Feb. 2, 1860, Horace Smith. She d. at H., 1908. One son.
- v. Patience W.,³ b. Aug. 8, 1827; m. Nov. 10, 1858, John Barr; d. Greensboro Bend, July 22, 1877. 4 chil.
- vi. William M.,³ b. Nov. 13, 1831; d. Columbia, Col., Feb. 22, 1864.
- vii. Stephen R.,³ b. Dec. 25, 1837; m. May 4, 1861, Persis Coal. Served in civil war in Co. H, 4th Vt., d. Brandy Station, Va., Feb. 25, 1864.
- 7 viii. Archibald D.,³ b. July 16, 1840.
- 3 ALEXANDER,² (James,¹) b. April 18, 1805. Began his education with Rev. James Milligan who taught him the rudiments of Latin, Greek and Hebrew. He entered Newbury Seminary when that institution opened in Sept. 1834 and remained several terms, and there met his wife, Jane Z. Morrison, who had been connected with an academy at New Market, N. H., and became preceptress of the Seminary in 1836. She was the dau. of Dr. Moses Morrison, who once lived at W. Newbury, but rem. to Bath. Mr. Nelson taught Latin and mathematics in the Seminary and after their marriage they opened a school at Norwalk, O., where he was licensed to preach, and later, ord. to the ministry of the M. E. church. Principal five yrs. and his wife preceptress of Worthington (O.) Female Seminary; principal two yrs. of Berea (O.) Institute; president several yrs., of Iowa Wesleyan Univ., Mt. Pleasant Iowa; in the ministry till 1883; presiding elder several years, of the Cleveland dist. of No. Ohio Conference, and delegate to the

general conference; ret. at Delaware, O., 1883, till d. Jan. 26, 1894. She d. Aug. 10, 1892. He rec'd the degree of D.D., from Iowa Wes. Univ.

Children:

- 8 i. Edward Thompson.³
- 9 ii. Clara Albertine.³
- 4 ALEXANDER,³ (George,² James,¹) b. Jan. 5, 1823; went west, 1844; taught school near Pittsburgh, Penn.; settled in Ashland Co., Ohio; farmer.
 - He m. 1st, 1848, Nancy Culbertson of New Derry, Penn., who d. March 9, 1852. 2d, June 7, 1853, Jane, dau. Daniel and Lucy Roberts of Groton, Vt. He d. in Ashland Co., March 4, 1875.

Children:

- i. Margaret Jane.⁴ b. Aug. 27, 1849; d. Oct. 15, 1880.
- ii. Thomas C.,⁴ b. July 4, 1851.

By 2d marriage.

- iii. Nancy J.,⁴ b. July, 1854; m. Sept. 8, 1880, Joseph K. Boyd of San Jose, Cal. 2 ch. in 1883.
- iv. George A.,⁴ b. April 1856; went to Texas and bought a ranch.
- v. Infant,⁴ b. March; d. June 1858.
- vi. Infant,⁴ b. and d. Sept. 1859.
- vii. Hugh W.,⁴ b. June 26, 1868; went to Oakland, Cal.
- 5 ROBERT,³ (George,² James,¹) b. Ryegate, Sept. 4, 1824, on the farm owned in 1895 by Mrs. M. J. Hall. Edu. at Danville and Peacham academies; taught school two terms. Sailed from Boston for California Nov. 21, 1849, with his brother Hugh, John Randall and John Peach of Newbury, Medad Welch, Jr., and Daniel Darling of Groton. They were 130 days on the voyage; ret. 1855, via Panama. Farmer in Ryegate and Newbury, owning successively the Hadley farm in Newbury, the Stuart store at South Ryegate, the Abner Chamberlin farm at W. Newbury 1857-'63, the Col. Thomas Johnson farm on the Oxbow, 1863-'66; the Nicholas White farm in Ryegate, 1866; the James Henderson farm, and in 1869, bought the John Randall farm on Jefferson Hill, Newbury, where he d. Feb. 22, 1895. Selectman and lister in Newbury. He m. April 5, 1855, Judith, dau. John Darling of Groton (b. Jan. 16, 1825).

Children:

- i. George Darling,⁴ b. Ryegate May 1, 1856; res. Davenport, Iowa. He m. Dec. 3, 1879, Clara Matilda Karl (b. Jan. 2, 1856; d. Sept. 9, 1894.)

Children:

1. George William,⁵ b. Nov. 3, 1880.
2. Robert John,⁵ b. Nov. 6., d. Nov. 27, 1881.
3. John Andrew,⁵ b. Nov. 27, 1882; d. May 18, 1883.
4. Judith M.,⁵ b. May 21, 1886.
5. Robert H.,⁵ b. June 18, 1887.
6. James D.,⁵ b. July 4, 1880; d. Aug. 7, 1890.
- ii. Hannah F.,⁴ b. Newbury, Aug. 21, 1858; m. Sept. 8, 1887, Owen E. Kingbury. She d. Ch. Bertha E.,⁵ b. Jan. 2, 1891.
- iii. John,⁴ b. Newbury, Aug. 9, 1860; m. June 7, 1895, Mamie Louise Smith.
- iv. Jennie R.,⁴ b. Newbury, Nov. 15, 1865; m. Jan. 27, 1886, Albert Wright, q. v.
- 6 THOMAS M.,³ (George,² James,¹) b. Ryegate, Dec. 13, 1832; edu. in R.; went to California in 1849 and was gone some yrs., ret. to R. but went back to Cal.; ret. before 1859. He m. Aug. 4, 1860, Mary Jane, dau. David Warden of Bath (b. Jan. 21, 1836; d. July 23, 1891). In trucking bus. in So. Boston, 3 yrs.; farmer on Jefferson Hill, Newbury, till 1869, when he bought the David Warden farm in a part of Bath now

annexed to Monroe till 1892, when he sold out; lived with his children and d. at the home of his dau., Mrs. Turner, at McIndoes, Jan. 29, 1908. A man of broad information, a democrat in politics.

Children:

- i. Christie E.,⁴ b. Aug. 1, 1863; d. March 15, 1871.
 - ii. Albert H.,⁴ b. Newbury, Nov. 30, 1866; m. Sept. 24, 1889, Hattie E. Conant of Concord, N. H.; res. Monroe, N. H. Ch. (1) Alberta J.,⁵ b. Nov. 14, 1892. (2) Florence M.,⁵ b. Aug. 5, 1895. (3) Robert A.,⁵ b. Nov. 14, 1902.
 - iii. Ida M.,⁴ b. Newbury, March 24, 1863; m. Oct. 5, 1897, Austin E. Carter of Monroe. No ch.
 - iv. Lizzie B.,⁴ b. Monroe, May 31, 1874; m. Jan. 1, 1896, Martin E. Turner of Monroe; res. Barnet. No ch.
- 7 ARCHIBALD D.,³ (William,² James,¹) b. July 16, 1840; rem. to Hardwick with parents; served in Co. D, 15th Vt., in the Civil war, after in various business in Baltimore, Boston and Barton, Vt.; res. St. Johnsbury, 1870-'90, in the Fairbanks Scale factory, and became assistant foreman of the finishing dept. Supervisor 1 yr. over four wards of the State Hospital for the Insane at Taunton, Mass. Supt. 1892, till death, of Mt. Pleasant Cem., at St. J. Member of Eureka Lodge K. of H., Chamberlin Post, No. 1, G. A. R., Passumpsic Lodge, F. and A. M., deacon in South Cong. ch., St. Johnsbury, where he d. Aug. 12, 1896. He m. Aug. 2, 1866, Sarah C. Houston of Hardwick.

Children:

- i. Giles Howard,⁴ b. Jan. 12, 1870; d. Aug. 22, 1871.
 - ii. Harry M.,⁴ b. Aug. 29, 1872; bookkeeper in Citizens' Savings Bank and Trust Co., St. Johnsbury. Ed. at St. J. graded schs. and Acad. He m. June 1, 1897, Flora M. Johnson. Ch. (1) Donald Archibald,⁵ b. Aug. 22, 1896; d. Feb. 2, 1899. (2) Edwin William,⁵ b. Apr. 22, 1902.
- 8 EDWARD THOMPSON,³ (Alexander,² James,¹) b. Worthington, O., Oct. 14, 1846; grad. Ohio Wes. Univ., 1866; post grad. course at Yale Univ., with degree of A. M. and Ph. D., 1869, M. D. from Ohio Med. Univ., 1895; Colonel's orderly in 145th Ohio Vols., 1864, in the civil war. Prof. of Science at Hanover Coll., Ind., 1871-'97; Alumni Prof. of Physiology and Geology, Ohio Wes. Univ., 1877; Fellow of Am. Ass. of Sciences, 1889-'93; member of State Board of Health, 1874; president of same 1892; student of Histology, University Coll., London, Eng., 1893-'97; Prof. of Sanitary Science, Ohio Med. Univ. Published "Moluscan Fauna of the Tertiary of Peru;" "Herbarium and Plant Record"; edited "Fifty Years of Ohio Wesleyan Univ." He m. 1871, Jane L. Wilson of Wheeling, W. Va. He d. Washington, D. C., after a long illness, Feb. 28, 1897. Prof. Nelson was in great demand as a public lecturer, and no man was better known by the public school teachers of Ohio.

Children:

- i. Dana Alexander,⁴ who d. Tacoma, Wash., 1896.
 - ii. Jeanette,⁴ wife of Rev. S. K. Mahon of Delaware, O.
 - iii. Elbert James,⁴ civil engineer, Cornell Univ., Utica, N. Y., close of 1909.
 - iv. Clara Isabel,⁴ wife of Rev. T. C. Bodley, Lucknow, India.
 - v. Mary Alice,⁴ and Edward Thoburn, who are with their mother at Delaware, O.
- 9 CLARA ALBERTINE,³ (Alexander,² James,¹) b. Tiffin, O., April 4, 1852; grad. Ohio Wes. Univ. Has spent much time abroad. Studied in Friedrichsdorf, Stuttgart, and Hanover, Ger. two yrs. Spent three yrs. and many summers in Paris, studying French; has also traveled extensively. Twenty-one years at the head of the Dept. of French in Ohio Wes. Univ. and has lectured on Art History.

NELSON.*

THE FAMILY OF WILLIAM NELSON, 2D.

The third Nelson family is that of William, 2d, called "Sugar Will," to distinguish him from the other, and numerous William Nelsons. Nothing regarding his ancestry appears, other than that he was b. in Balfon, Stirlingshire, in 1763. His father's name was Alexander, he had brothers and sisters, none of whom came to this country. One of the former was also named Alexander and was a lawyer at Port Glasgow. His church certificate is as follows:

This is to certify that the bearer hereof, William Neilson, hath resided for the most part of his life in this parish and behaved himself soberly and free from public scandal or church censure, and has been in full communion with us. Given at the Manse of Balfon, Stirling County, this twelfth day of March, seventeen hundred and ninety-fourth year.

The above person is unmarried at this date.	}	JAMES JAFFREY, Min'r JOHN ZWILL, Elder WM. HALEY, Ses. Clerk.
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He sailed from Port Glasgow in 1794, with Robert Gilfillan, came to Ryegate where many of his townspeople had settled, and began on the farm where he spent the rest of his life, afterward owned by his sons, John and Alex., and built a log house about one-fourth of a mile n. of the present house. He m. 1st, in 1801, Jean, dau. James Henderson (b. Oct. 10, 1777; d. Oct. 1816). Their oldest ch. was b. in the log house, and the present house was built soon afterward, but it is not known whether any of the younger ones were b. in the log house. He m. 2d, 1817, Jean Arbuckle, who came from Scotland in 1801, with the Robens, Wallaces, Robert Fulton and others. She m. 1st, John Bachop of Barnet (see Bachop fam.) They had 5 daus., and when she m. Wm. Nelson she brought her five girls to live with his six ch., and they had four more, 15 in all—three families in one family. Mr. Nelson was a man of medium size and very muscular. He had his foot crushed in 1814, in a saw mill at So. R., and was lame ever after. He was very successful as a farmer, and owned one of the most productive farms in town, high up on the south slope of Blue Mt., commanding a fine view of the country around. To this he added by purchase from the Scotch Co., 124 acres in 1812; from Wm. Nelson of N. Y., in 1814, 108 acres; and from the Scotch Co., again in 1819, 100 acres. He also bought the "Ben Folger place," further up the mountain, which was afterwards sold to Jas. and Alex. Park for pasture. After his death his sons bought the Geo. Corruth place, south of the home place, in 1863, which they sold to Oliver Boardway. At one time the two sons owned about 600 acres near Blue Mountain. The granite quarries are mostly on this farm. William Nelson was a worthy and respected citizen, a man of marked traits, and peculiarities. He d. Jan. 10, 1847, and his wife d. Nov. 15, 1857; bur. in the West cemetery.

Children by 1st marriage.

- i. Alexander,² b. July 18, 1802; farmer on homestead with his bro.; never m. He was six ft. four in. in height and of immense strength. He d. Aug. 11, 1883.
- ii. Agnes,² [Nancy] b. May 10, 1804; d. Oct. 13, 1874; m. Wm. Blair, q. v. [On p. 289 she is incorrectly given as the dau. of Alexander Nelson.]
- iii. Margaret,² b. July 6, 1806; d. 1875; m. John Brock of Barnet.
- iv. Jane,² b. Nov. 24, 1808; d. Jan. 9, 1826.
- v. Elizabeth,² b. Nov. 2, 1812; d. Oct. 7, 1891; m. Andrew Gilfillan, q. v.
- vi. Helen,² b. Sept. 1, 1814. d. un m. Dec. 8, 1882.

* Prepared in part by Mrs. Mary Nelson.

By 2d marriage.

- vii. Abigail,² b. Feb. 17, 1818; d. Jan. 14, 1906; m. Hugh G. Gibson, q. v.
- viii. Marion,² b. Jan. 8, 1820; crushed in a cider mill and d. Nov. 3, 1825.
- 1 ix. John Bachop,² b. Sept. 30, 1821.
- x. Janet Wallace,² b. May 1, 1825; d. 1888; m. Robert Cochran, q. v., as 2d wife.

In this large family there were only two sons, and William Nelson 2d had only two gr. sons,—W. N. Gilfillan in the 1st family and A. H. Gibson in the 2d. The daughters of the family naturally did more work out of doors than most girls of their time. It is said that two of them dug and put into the "potato hole," 500 bush. of potatoes in one season. They were skilled in all household arts, expert with the "big wheel," the "little wheel," and the loom. They were glad to be real helpers in the home and they made good homes for others. It was not all work either, for huskings, paring-bees, quiltings and social parties, made merry the hearts of young and old. New Years was the great occasion for Scotchmen generally, and this large family, children and grandchildren, gathered annually, till the farm was sold, and the glad day was but a memory. School privileges were few, books were scarce, but the education given was a very practical one, and the children of the pioneers were the best citizens of their time, for they knew how and had the courage to do things.

- 1 JOHN BACHOP,² b. Sept. 30, 1821; farmer on homestead with his bro. Alexander, and a valued citizen. He m. Dec. 3, 1872, Mary, dau. James Arthur (b. Scotland, Dec. 20, 1842). The home farm was sold Oct. 30, 1895, to Geo. Gray. It had been in the family 101 yrs. The family moved to So. Ryegate, where John B. Nelson d. March 30, 1900. Bur. West cem.

Children:

- i. Jean Arbuckle,³ b. May 27, 1877. She is an accomplished musician and the only descendant of Wm. Nelson 2d, bearing the name Mattie Jean Arbuckle.³ In 1906 Mrs. Nelson and her dau. rem. to Turlock, Cal., where they reside.

NELSON.

YEATON D.,¹ b. Palermo, Maine, Dec. 26, 1862, son of Erastus Foot Nelson (b. Palermo, Feb. 22, 1825; d. May 22, 1885. Farmer; enlisted Aug. 2, 1862 in Co. G, 18th Maine; pro. corporal; must. out. 1865. He m. Eliza F., dau. Caleb and Alice Thurston, b. Windsor, Me., July 3, 1834. Members of Baptist ch. Nine ch., all lived to man and womanhood. The father of Erastus F., was John Nelson a native of Scotland.) Came to Ryegate, 1883; m. Nov. 12, 1887, Ida May, dau. Matthew Renfrew (b. May 4, 1863; d. March 16, 1892.) 2d, March 13, 1894, Esteline, dau. Wm. N. Gibson (b. Jan. 10, 1871.) Owns the James Dickey farm and part of the Roben farm.

Children: By 1st marriage.

- i. Eva Meroe,² b. July 28, 1888; grad. Wells River High School. A successful teacher.

By 2d marriage.

- ii. Forest Prince,² b. Jan. 20, 1895.
- iii. Edith May,² b. Sept. 9, 1896.
- iv. Ethel Eliza,² b. Dec. 26, 1898.
- v. Miles Renwick, b. Dec. 16, 1900.
- vi. Clyde Gibson,² b. Jan. 22, 1903.
- vii. Waldo Yeaton,² b. Dec. 2, 1904.
- viii. Adine Esteline,² b. Aug. 3, 1907.
- ix. William Erastus,² b. Aug. 11, 1909.
- x. Margaret Ella,² b. Jan. 21, 1912.

NOYES.

The Noyes family, long extinct in Ryegate, is a branch of one of the oldest families in New England. Rev. James Noyes and his brother Nicholas came to Newbury, Mass., in 1635.

- I. NICHOLAS, b. England, 1614; m. Mary Cutting.
- II. JAMES, b. May 15, 1657; m. Hannah, dau. John Knight.
- III. JOSEPH, b. Sept. 20, 1686; m. Johannah Hale.
- IV. STEPHEN, m. Lydia Eaton.
- V. MOSES, m. Sally Lunt, and came to Coventry (now Benton), N. H., before 1790, and settled on what is called High Street, s. w. of Moosilauke.
- vi. AMOS,¹ b. Coventry, N. H., Aug. 15, 1791; came to Ryegate, ab. 1811, and bought what was later called the Alexander Holmes place, in the w. part of the town, where all his chil. were b., but afterward owned and d. on the farm where his son Thos. M., lived and d. He m. 1st, Betsey Mussey, who d. May 16, 1841. Not ch. members but Mr. Mason says that "he was a well read and respected man, a strong upholder of religion and good order." He m. 2d, Betsey Strobbridge of Barnet, who d. Feb. 1907, aged 96. Member of Baptist ch. Groton. Amos Noyes d. July 10, 1856, being thrown from a horse; bur. in West cemetery.

Children:

- i. Thomas,² b. July 21, 1813; res. in Boston many yrs., then went to Ontario and into the oil bus. Came to Groton in 1865 and bought the Daniel Darling farm of John Gates, where he d. Aug. 19, 1875. He m. Sept. 28, 1842, by Rev. Thos. Goodwillie, Elizabeth, dau. Alex. Holmes, b. Sept. 17, 1808; d. Oct. 15, 1889. (Mr. Miller says that their wedding day had been set but in reading the "publication" of their intended marriage, Mr. Goodwillie said *Moses Noyes* instead of Thomas, and the wedding had to be put off for a week.) She m. 2nd, John Caldwell, q. v.
 - 1 ii. Moses,² b. Jan. 31, 1816.
 - iii. Eliza,² b. Jan. 22, 1819; m. June 25, 1840, George Renfrew. (See History of Newbury.)
 - 2 iv. William,² b. Oct. 4, 1821.
 - 3 v. James Hunter,² b. March 20, 1823.
- By 2d marriage.
- vi. Jane,² b. May 13, 1843; m. Jan. 16, 1867, Horace Clark of Groton. She d. May 1, 1908. Ch. (1) Almon,³ b. 1868; m. Sinclair; no ch. (2) E. Ross,³ b. 1872; d. 1873. (3) G. Lyle,³ b. 1878; d. 1894. (4) Geo. N.,³ b. 1880; m. a Miss Sinclair. One son in 1897.
 - 4 vii. Harvey,² b. May 22, 1847.
 - viii. Martha,² b. May 9, 1851; m. Daniel Roberts and went to Cal. No. ch.
 - 1 MOSES,² (Amos,¹) b. Jan. 31, 1816; farmer in Topsham 9 yrs.; rem. to Barnet, part of his land being in Ryegate, at Mosquitoville; carpenter; m. Feb. 27, 1892, Caroline Somers, who d. March 28, 1907. He d. July 8, 1893; bur. Walter Harvey cem.

Children:

- i. Viletta,³ b. Topsham, Dec. 29, 1847; m. Oct. 1870, James Lang; res. in Barnet. Ch. (1) Merton,⁴ (2) Alvin,⁴ d. 1892. (3) Carrie,⁴ d. Nov. 1897. (4) Carl,⁴ who has chil. Emerson,⁵ and Marjorie.⁵
- ii. Florence J.,³ b. Topsham, Feb. 1850; m. 1880, Edward Nason of Concord, N. H.; d. Nov. 1884. No chil.
- iii. Ella R.,³ b. Barnet, July 2, 1854; d. Concord, N. H., Sept. 1871.
- iv. Eva R.,³ (twin to above) m. June, 1880, Martin Sanders; res. Pittsfield, N. H.
- 2 WILLIAM,² (Amos,¹) b. Oct. 4, 1821; went to Boston, when a young man and was in teaming bus. with his brothers; then to California in 1849, via Cape Horn, a journey of six mos., returning via Panama.

Afterward was in the oil bus. in Ontario. Lived in Boston where he d. Oct. 7, 1908; he m. May, 1851, Martha Bailey of Peacham, who d. July 16, 1887.

Children:

5 William,³ b. Nov. 6, 1857.

3 JAMES HUNTER,² (Amos,¹) b. March 20, 1823; m. 1st, 1848, Almira Roberts 2d, Oct. 1861, Lima Hillsbard. Went to Boston and was in trucking bus., and later in oil bus. in Ontario; ret. to Boston, where he d. Oct. 10, 1869.

Children all born in Boston.

i. William,³ b. Jan., d. May, 1851.

ii. Emma,³ b. May, 1852, d. Sept. 1854.

iii. James,³ b. 1854. d. 1856.

iv. Emma H.,³ b. 1856; d. 1858.

By 2d marriage.

iv. Geo. L.,³ b. 1864; res. in Boston.

v. Edward B.,³ b. 1867; res. Malden, Mass.

4 ALEXANDER HARVEY, (Amos,¹) b. May 22, 1847; served in the Union army in the civil war; res. St. Johnsbury. He m. May 14, 1874, Winona Morris.

Children:

i. Lizzie,³ who m. 1st, Mr. Farnham and had two sons. 2d, Mr. Tice; both of St. J.

5 WILLIAM,³ (William,² Amos,¹) b. Boston, Nov. 6, 1857; grad. Harvard Univ. 1881; fellow at Johns Hopkins Univ. 1884-'85; Harvard Med. Sch., 1886; Ass't phys. Bloomingdale (N. Y.) Asylum 1885-'88; McLean Hosp., Boston, 1889-'92; Mass. Hosp. for Dipsomaniacs and Inebriates, 1892-'96; Supt. men's department, Boston Insane Hosp. 1896-1905; Supt. of Hospital since 1905; instructor in mental diseases at Harvard Med. School; member of several medical associations. He m. at Montague, Mass., Sept. 4, 1894, Lucia J. Clapp. One son, William.⁴

ORR.

JOHN,¹ b. Kilmalcolm, Scotland, 1744; came to America in the spring of 1774, arriving in Ryegate on the 23d of May, with his brother Robert, who settled in Corinth. He took possession of Lot No. 6, and house lot No. 356. The former was afterward owned by John Cameron and from it was sold the site of the meeting house, where the town house stands. He served in the Revolutionary war, in Capt. Frye Bayley's Co., which marched to Saratoga in 1777. In 1797, he exchanged his land at the Corner with John Cameron for 200 acres in the west part of the town on the Groton line, where he cleared a farm. He m. 1781, Sarah Mills of Chester, N. H., a sister of John Mills of Newbury. (See Newbury History.) She d. 1815; he d. Dec. 1831; bur. in the West cemetery. They were members of the Associate Pres. ch.

Children: (Dates of birth from Town and Session records.)

1 i. William,² b. Nov. 10, 1782.

ii. Mary,² b. Aug. 11, 1790; d. March 8, 1793; bur. in the pasture about 50 rods n. w. of the town house. (Mason).

2 iii. John,² b. Sept. 25, 1794.

iv. James,² b. Oct. 10, 1796; d. Aug. 21, 1798.

v. Sarah,² b. Oct. 27, 1799; m. John Jones. Ch. (1) Mary Jane,³ [Jones] d. un-m. (2) Sarah,³ [Jones] m. Peter Hale. (3) Harriet,³ [Jones.] (4) William,³ [Jones] m. Rachel Ann Orr. 8 ch. (5) Charles,³ [Jones] m. Martha Plummer. 4 ch. (6) Samuel,³ [Jones] never m. (7) Avis,³ [Jones] d. un-m.

- 2 WILLIAM,² (John,¹) b. Nov. 10, 1782; m. about 1803, Rachel Rodgers, who came to this country as a servant in the family of Rev. Wm. Gibson. Lived in the w. part of the town, and built the stone house where Frank Hooper now lives. He d. June 19, 1844; she d. April 30, 1865. Member of Ref. Pres. ch.

Children:

- 3 i. James,³ b. Jan. 25, 1804.
 ii. Mary,³ b. Jan. 21, 1806; m. Nathaniel Nutt of Topsham. 3 ch.
 iii. William,³ b. Nov. 10, 1807; d. July 19, 1885; m. Sarah Verbeck (or Burdick.) 6 ch. She d. Jan. 26, 1881
 iv. Jane,³ (Jean) b. Nov. 2, 1809; m. Jan. 13, 1842, Wm. McKinley, q. v.
 v. Sarah,³ b. Oct. 5, 1811; m. Thomas Wormwood, q. v.
 vi. Annie,³ d. un-m. June 23, 1882.
 4 vii. John,³ b. Dec. 18, 1818.
 viii. Margaret,³ (b. Nov. 10, 1817, by Caldwell rec.); m. William Caldwell, q. v., Jan. 13, 1842.
 2 JOHN,² (John,¹) b. Sept. 23, 1794; settled on his father's farm in the w. part of the town. He m. 1812, Achsah Thompson of Topsham. He d. Jan. 27, 1880.

Children:

- i. Jacob,⁴ b. March 6, 1815; m. Martha Frost; d. 1863. 10 ch.
 ii. Rachel,⁴ b. 1816; d. 1874; m. 1st, Isaiah Emery. Their dau. Achsah m. James Holmes and 2d, J. L. C. Hooper.
 iii. John,⁴ b. d. 1838, or '39.
 iv. Samuel,⁴ b. d. Feb. 29, 1820; 1st burial in West cemetery.
 v. Rhoda,⁴ b. 1821; d. Manchester, N. H., 1856.
 vi. Eliza,⁴ m. Perley Hamlet of Bradford, N. H. 2d, a Mr. French of Manchester, N. H.
 vii. Robina,⁴ b. 1826; d. Manchester, N. H.
 viii. Volence,⁴ m. 1st Rhoda, dau. Dr. Perry, 2d, Sarah Hewlett.
 ix. Susannah,⁴ m. Freeman Ellsworth; d. ab. 1882.
 x. Elzina,⁴ m. Chester H. Chase; d. Manchester, N. H., ab. 1887.
 xi. Philander,⁴ b. Dec. 14, 1833; m. Sept. 27, 1871, Mary A. Knight (b. Feb. 2, 1839; d. Dec. 27, 1899.) He d. March 4, 1898; bur. Walter Harvey cem. Farmer; his farm is now owned by E. Brock.
 5 xii. Chester,⁴ b. July, 1835.
 xiii. Miranda,⁴ b. Oct. 25, 1837; m. Isaac P. Dunn, q. v.
 xiv. Lucy Ann,⁴ m. Arthur McLaughlin. 2d, Charles Stevens of Peacham. 1 son.
 3 JAMES,³ (William,² John,¹) b. Jan. 25, 1804; m. March 11, 1828, Margaret, dau. John Harvey,⁷ (b. Dec. 22, 1802, d. May 22, 1887.) He d. March 22, 1892; bur. in Walter Harvey Cem. They lived in Topsham, and rem. to Groton and d. there. Members of Ref. Pres. ch.

Children: Bur. three who died.

- i. Mary C.,⁴ b. March 9, 1831; m. 1st, David Whitehill, q. v. 2d, Wesson Crown, q. v. She d. Dec. 5, 1911.
 6 ii. Robert Harvey,⁴ b. May 2, 1838.
 iii. William S.,⁴ m. Margaret Abbott; res. Peacham. No ch. Mem. Ref. Pres. ch.
 iv. Jane,⁴ m. Dugald Stewart, q. v. 4 ch., three d. young.
 Children:
 i. Emily Ann,⁴ b. 1843.
 ii. May Eliza,⁴ b. 1848; m. John Fowler of Montpelier.
 iii. Olive,⁴ b. 1849; d. Topsham, Nov. 7, 1910.
 iv. Phebe Darling,⁴ b. 1862; res. Waterbury.
 v. Washington,⁴ rem. to Groton and res. there.
 4 JOHN,³ (William,² John,¹) b. Dec. 18, 1818. He was called "Long John." and in old trainings was placed near the head of the company because

he was so tall. He m. Jan. 7, 1841 by John Darling, Esq., Christian, dau. Dea. James Caldwell. He became insane and d. at Brattleboro in Dec. 1893. 5 chil. No record.

- 5 CHESTER³ (John,² John,¹) b. Ryegate, July, 1835. Served in the Civil war in Co. D, 1st Vt. Cavalry; taken prisoner at Stony Creek, June 30, 1864, was at Andersonville prison ten mos., must. out, May 23, 1865. He m. Feb. 22, 1868, Judith Louisa, dau. Peter,² Whitehill (b. Groton, July 21, 1843; d. July 31, 1901). He d. May 4, 1896. He became blind.

Children:

- i. Son,⁴ d. in infancy.
 - ii. Ora S.,⁴ b. July 5, 1874; d. April 5, 1875.
 - iii. Pliny M.,⁴ b. April 11, 1877; m. Jan. 29, 1907, Mrs. Sylvia Dolph.
 - iv. Mattie,⁴ b. Feb. 6, 1879; m. Aug. 9, 1898, Orange C. Frost. Ch. (1) Elmer C.,⁵ b. Jan. 25, 1900. (2) Millie May,⁵ b. Jan. 5, 1902. (3) Della Lavina,⁵ b. June 13, 1907.
 - v. Millie J.,⁴ b. Nov. 1, 1881; d. Feb. 29, 1895.
 - vi. Addie H.,⁴ b. Aug. 27, 1883; d. Feb. 5, 1901.
 - vii. Mabel C.,⁴ b. Sept. 14, 1884; m. May 2, 1906, Ernest M. Randall. Ch. (1) John E.,⁵ b. June 11, 1907.
- 6 ROBERT HARVEY,⁴ (James,³ Wm.,² John,¹) b. May 2, 1838; m. Dec. 1876, Sarah V., dau. Wm.,³ (John,² James,¹) Whitehill (b. March 22, 1852.) He d. in Groton, April 9, 1911.

Children:

- i. Clarence Harvey,⁵ b. April 22, 1878; d. Oct. 16, 1880.
- ii. William James,⁵ b. July 19, 1880; m. Nov. 28, 1902, Grace Mary Crane. Ch. (1) Clarence Jesse,⁶ b. Sept. 22, 1903. (2) Herbert Carroll,⁶ b. Oct. 19, 1905. (3) Mary Agnes,⁶ b. Nov. 28, 1907. (4) Marshall Crane,⁶ b. Oct. 25, 1909. (5) Alice Emma,⁶ b. Aug. 2, 1911.
- iii. Albert Faris,⁵ b. June 15, 1883.
- iv. Grace Lillian,⁵ b. March 4, 1886; m. Frank Gibson, q. v.
- v. Charles Harvey,⁵ b. March 1, 1891.
- vi. Leslie Harold,⁵ b. Dec. 21, 1893.

PAGE.

Two brothers, Josiah and Jacob Page were b. in that part of Haverhill, Mass., which is now a part of Plaistow, N. H., and came to Haverhill, N. H., then to Newbury before the Rev. war, in which both served, coming to Ryegate after the war and were prominent men, rearing large families. They were nearly related to the Page family of Haverhill, N. H., so long prominent there.

JOSIAH,¹ Page, b. ab. 1748, was bound out to an uncle from the age of four till he was 21, and learned the blacksmith trade, and worked at it in Newbury and in Ryegate. Mr. Mason says, he was the only blacksmith between Newbury and Stanstead Plain. He served in the Rev. war as sergeant in Capt. Thos. Johnson's Co., of Minutemen in 1775, and in the 2d Co. under him, his service being 20 days; also one mo. in Capt. John G. Bayley's Co., as a scout, between April 1777, and March, 1779; also was in Capt. Frye Bayley's Co., which marched to Saratoga, Sept. 23—Oct. 27, 1777; also 19 days as sergeant in Capt. Simeon Stevens' Co., 1779—1781. While living in Newbury he held town offices and in 1781 was chosen, with Col. Jacob Kent, a delegate to a constitutional convention held at Windsor. In Ryegate, where he bought land south of the Corner of John Scott, he held town offices; was town clerk 1784—'87, town representative in 1792, '93, '94 and '96, and was delegate to the Constitutional convention of 1793. Whether a church member or not does not appear, but he served on several committees about building a meeting house and settling a minister. He kept tavern at the Corner and was Lieut.-Col. of the 1st

Reg. in Cal. Co., in the old militia. Josiah Page d. 1814. He m. Lydia Pettée of So. Berwick, Me., who was b. at Haverhill, Mass. Their descendants are widely scattered and their records imperfect, but we give what can be obtained of them.

Children: Dates of birth from town record.

- 1 i. Jonathan,² b. Haverhill, N. H., Feb. 22, 1770.
- 2 ii. Mary,² b. Haverhill, March 14, 1772.
- iii. Abigail,² b. Newbury, July 18, 1774; m. 1st, Benjamin Wright, q. v. 2d, Hugh Johnson, q. v.
- 3 iv. Josiah Kimball,² b. Newbury, Aug. 16, 1776.
- v. John,² b. Newbury, Aug. 25; d. Sept. 16, 1778.
- vi. Sarah,² b. Newbury, Sept. 18, 1780; d. Aug. 1796. A poem upon her death appeared in the *Orange Nightingale and Newbury Morning Star* for Aug. 25, 1796, which may be seen in the library at Newbury.
- 4 vii. John,² b. R., Aug. 1, 1782.
- viii. Phebe,² b. R., Nov. 23, 1786; m. Robert G. Allen, q. v.
- 5 ix. William,² b. R. Aug. 20, 1790.

- 1 JONATHAN,² (Josiah,¹) b. Haverhill, N. H., Feb. 22, 1770; m. 1st, at Danville, Nov. 26, 1788, Sarah Elliott, who d. April 19, 1804, and he m. 2d, Nov. 13, 1804, Elizabeth Shields [Mason].

Children, from town record.

- i. Lydia,³ b. Feb. 14, 1789; m. P. Harriman.
 - ii. Elizabeth,³ b. Nov. 26, 1790; m. George Mason, q. v.
 - iii. Josiah,³ b. Jan. 10, 1793; m. Catherine Spenser.
 - iv. Abigail,³ b. May 1, 1795; d. April 5, 1862; m. James Dunsyre, q. v.
 - v. Kimball,³ b. June 14, 1799; m. Sarah Holman.
- By 2d marriage.
- vi. Wright,³ b. 1805; m. Hannah Dow.
 - vii. Alexander,³ b. Dec. 30, 1806.
 - viii. Jonathan,³ b. Dec. 22, 1808.
 - ix. William,³ b. June 20, 1811.
 - x. Elias,³ b. June 9, 1813.
 - xi. Sarah,³ b. March 16, 1815.
 - xii. Dorothy,³ b. Jan. 10, 1819.
 - xiii. Hannah,³ b. April 8, 1821.

- 2 MARY,² (Josiah,² Josiah,¹) b. Haverhill, N. H., March 14, 1772. She m. 1st, 1787, William Johnston (b. Aberdeen, Scotland, 1754. When a young man he went to the West Indies where he rem. 3 yrs. and having lost his health, came to America. Served in the American army in the Rev. war, and was in the battles of Brandywine, Monmouth and Germantown; was orderly sergeant and muster master. Rem. in New York after the war and taught school at Schenectady, afterwards coming to Barnet where he taught school for many years which was the only school at that time. He d. July 1, 1819, on the farm owned in 1860 by Wm. Carrick, Jr.—MASON.) She m. 2d, 1823, as 2d w., Alexander Elmsley (b. Aberdeen, Scot., 1756; went into the British army and sailed from Scotland to engage in the American war ab. 1777; was in the battle of Brandywine, Monmouth and Germantown; rem. in Am. after the war; came to Barnet 1793, and began to clear the farm owned and occupied in 1860 by Josiah Johnston, where he d. March 27, 1837.—MASON). She d. May 20, 1837, and is bur. in the old church yard at Barnet Ctr., between her husbands.

- 3 JOSEPH KIMBALL,² (Josiah,¹) b. Newbury, Aug. 16, 1776; m. Abigail, dau. Benj. Chamberlin of N. They lived in Topsham many yrs.

Children, not in regular order.

Josiah,³ m. Kate Jackson of Wells River. 6 ch.

George,³ d. in N. Y. city.

Julia,³ m. John Whitcher; d. N. Y. city.

Amanda,³ b. May 8, 1826; d. Jan. 24, 1881; m. Anderson Miller, q. v.

———,³ m. Loren Whitcher, and d. in N. Y. city.
Hector,³ d. N. Y. city.

Five of this family d. within 14 mos.—MILLER.

- 4 JOHN,² (Josiah,¹) b. Ryegate, Aug. 1, 1782; was a great sufferer from sores, from four till 14 and did not go to school till he was 15, but had learned to read a little. In 1798 when Rev. Wm. Forsythe came to Ryegate, John attended his school and learned very rapidly, then went to Rev. Wm. Gibson, afterwards attending Peacham Acad. when Ezra Carter was principal. He taught 21 winters and 18 summer terms, and lived in a house which stood in the bend of the road south of the Corner. He was called Lame John and as the late Merrill Goodwin who was one of his pupils says, used his crutches to enforce discipline. He wrote a beautiful hand and seems to have been a very useful man. He m. Dorcas Hibbard of Bath, who d. 1848. He d. 1860.

Children:

- i. William Penn,³ b. Dec. 20, 1806; d. June 3, 1854 at Virgin Bay, Panama, on his way to California.
 - ii. Eliza Barker,³ b. Sept. 28, 1808.
 - iii. Mitchell Hibbard,³ b. April 11, 1810.
 - iv. Stephen P. W.,³ b. Jan. 22, 1812.
 - v. A. Hibbard,³ d. 1851.
 - vi. Josiah,³ b.
 - vii. Son lost at sea, 1842.
- 5 WILLIAM,² (Josiah,¹) b. Aug. 20, 1790. He m. Sept. 16, 1812, Amity, dau. Benj. Chamberlin of N. He lived where John F. Nelson afterwards lived. Rem to So. Ryegate, 1819 and bought a farm which he sold in 1838 to David Bone, and rem. to Newbury. Captain of Ryegate Light Infantry, 1832. He d. Lebanon, N. H., Oct. 16, 1883. (For family see Hist. of Newbury.)

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JACOB,¹ (Brother of preceding,) b. Haverhill, Mass., or Plaistow, N. H., 1750. Came to Newbury with his bro. Josiah before the Rev. war and settled at the Oxbow. Served in Capt. Johnson's Co. of Minutemen 1775; also one mo. in Capt. John G. Bayley's Co., guarding and scouting; 19 days in Capt. Simeon Stevens' Co., 1780, and probably in other service; taken prisoner at Peacham with Col. Thomas Johnson and Jonathan Elkins and taken to Quebec; kept in irons for several months, exchanged and ret. to Newbury. Lived some time in Haverhill. About 1789 he bought land of Alexander McDonald, in Ryegate on the "town spot," now part of "Fairview" farm. His house which stood opposite W. F. McLam's was torn down by W. W. Wright. He m. 1st, July 29, 1773, Sarah, dau. John Johnson, sister of Col. Thomas Johnson (b. Oct. 29, 1751; d. Ryegate, Sept. 17, 1791.) 2d, 1792, Louisa, dau. Richard Chamberlin, (b. Dec. 25, 1751; d. 1835.) He d. 1831; bur. at Ryegate Corner. A tall old fashioned clock, once the family clock of Jacob Page is owned by his gt. gr. dau., Mrs. D. W. Learned.

Children: The 1st 6 b. Newbury.

- i. Eunice,² b. Jan. 26, 1775; m. Jonathan Fowler.
- ii. Sarah,² b. Oct. 17, 1776; d. Oct. 17, 1778.
- iii. Sarah,² b. April 24, 1778; m. Rufus Hosmer.
- iv. Jacob,² b. 1781; m. Judith Carter.
- v. Ruth,² b. May 4, 1783; m. Samuel Whitaker, q. v.
- vi. Abigail,² b. Aug. 5, 1785. m. Stephen Smith of Danville.
- 1 vii. John O.,² b. April 30, 1787.
- viii. Hannah,² b. July 15, 1789, Haverhill; m. Daniel Lang of Bath.

By 2d marriage.

ix. Polly,² b. Ryegate, Nov. 26, 1792; d. 1852.

x. Betsey,² b. Ryegate, Jan. 27, 1795.

- 1 JOHN O.,² (Jacob,¹) b. Haverhill, N. H., April 30, 1787. Came to Ryegate with parents, and lived with his father succeeding him on the farm. Served in the war of 1812. He m. Sarah Heath, dau. Jesse Heath (b. May 22, 1795; d.) He d. Feb. 3, 1865.

Children. (Dates of birth from town rec.)

- 2 i. Jacob Fowler,³ b. Sept. 2, 1815.
- 3 ii. Voda,³ b. Jan. 22, 1817.
- 4 iii. Alanson D.,³ b. Aug. 30, 1818.
- iv. Ruth Whitaker,³ b. May 17, 1820; d. March 16, 1867.
- v. Jesse Heath,³ b. Dec. 25, 1821; m. Avis Hatch.
- vi. Dennison Burnham,³ b. Jan. 23, 1823; m. Sarah Ann Moore of Corinth, Vt.
- vii. Polly Taplin,³ b. Oct. 2, 1825; m. Frank Burgess of Waltham, Mass.
- viii. Phebe Heath,³ b. Nov. 3, 1827; d. 1851.
- ix. Mary,³ b. Aug. 29, 1829; m. 1st, Geo. Pollard, q. v. 2d, Thomas Taisey.
- x. William,³ (twin to Mary); m. Janet Emerson.
- xi. Samuel Whitaker,³ b. Aug. 17, 1831.
- xii. Jonathan Fowler,³ b. June 30, 1833; d. Chicago, Feb. 29, 1892.
- xiii. Lydia,³ b. Aug. 20, 1835; d. June 23, 1870.
- xiv. Caroline Bradley,³ b. Sept. 7, 1837; m. Homer Hosmer; d. Dec. 8, 1872, All the above children lived to be men and women.
- 3 VODA,³ (John O.,² Jacob,¹) b. Ryegate, Jan. 22, 1817; m. Jan. 7, 1836. John Gracey, b. in Ireland. Rem. to Peacham, 1867, where he d. April 1, 1901. She d. May 10, 1909, the oldest person in town. She had been a church member over 60 years.

Children:

- i. Mary Ellen,⁴ [Gracey] b. Ryegate, Dec. 5, 1836; m. Jan. 19, 1862, John F. Morse of P., a soldier in the civil war.
- ii. Adaline O.,⁴ [Gracey] b. Peacham, March 25, 1839; m. April, 1862, Joseph W. Wilson. Res. Stoneham, Mass.
- iii. John C.,⁴ [Gracey] b. Peacham, July 4, 1842; served 4 yrs. in 1st Vt. Cavalry. Res. Peacham; m. Sept. 1868, Elizabeth Ferguson of P.
- iv. Sarah A.,⁴ [Gracey] b. April 1, 1844; m. Sept. 1867, E. C. Potter of St. Johnsbury.
- v. Orice F. Martin,⁴ [Gracey] b. March 12, 1846; m. May 1871, Esther M. Gray. Res. Somerville, Mass.
- 4 ALANSON SMITH,³ (John O.,² Jacob,¹) b. Aug. 30, 1818; m. Betsey Merrill of Maidstone. Lived in Ryegate. He d. July 17, 1862; she d. in R., May 1891, aged 73.

Children:

- i. Sarah Elizabeth,⁴ b. March 9, 1847; m. June 14, 1865, F. Ezra Clark of Newbury. She d. June 20, 1894. 3 chil.
- ii. Susan Jane,⁴ b. Feb. 25, 1849; m. April 5, 1870, Abner T. Heath of Newbury. No ch. Res. Orford, N. H.
- iii. James Lewis Merrill,⁴ b. April 19, 1853. Went to Cal.
- iv. Alex. Smith,⁴ b. March 1, 1861. Went to Cal.
- 2 Jacob Fowler,³ (John O.,² Josiah,¹) b. Ryegate, Sept. 2, 1815; carpenter; lived in Newbury, near Boltonville. He m. Dec. 26, 1839, Lydia C., dau. Enoch Nelson. (This family usually spell the name Paige.)

Children all born in Newbury.

- i. Hill Bradley,⁴ b. June 20, 1840; served in the Union army in the Civil war. He m. Catherine Limmington of Iowa and d. Jan. 12, 1910. 1 son, 2 daus.
- ii. Charles N.,⁵ b. Jan. 13, 1842; served in the Union army in the Civil war; m. Dec. 14, 1866, Mary J., dau. John McLure. (For chil. see p. 429.)
- iii. Alonzo,⁴ b. Sept. 28, 1844; d. June 6, 1857.

- iv. Harriet Bradley,⁴ b. July 10, 1845; m. Major N. Wheeler, then of Wausau, Wis., later of Newbury. She d. July 31, 1884. Several sons who live in Newbury and vicinity 2 daus. d. y.
- v. Cora A.,⁴ b. Aug. 9, 1847; m. Daniel W. Learned of Newbury, who d. March 20, 1890. She res. at Wells River. 2 sons.
- vi. Sarah Elizabeth,⁴ b. Aug. 2, 1849; m. E. D. Chamberlin of Bath, N. H. 2 sons, 1 dau.
- vii. Mary A.,⁴ b. April 16, 1852; m. James G. Learned of Newbury. One son, Frank.

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Nathan Barker.¹ Mr. Mason says that he was a cousin to Josiah and Joshua Page. He lived in the n. part of the town, on the road from Ryegate Corner to Peacham. He m. Both bur. at Ryegate Corner. They seem to have been Covenanters. We give all that is known of them.

Children, from Mason and town records.

- i. Hannah,² b. 1787; d. un.m. 1854.
- ii. Job,² b. Oct. 25, 1789; d. May 1, 1812.
- 1 iii. William,² b. Aug. 30, 1791.
- iv. Nathan,² b. June 21, 1793; m. Cynthia Chapman of Haverhill.
- v. Abraham A.,² b. Aug. 4, 1795; m. Sarah A. Clark of Thetford.
- vi. Martha,² b. June 11, 1797; m. 1st, Isaac Merrill of Danville. 2d, Daniel Powers of Thetford.
- vii. Isaac,² b. May 6, 1800; m. Eliza Hunt of Maine and d. there in 1834.
- viii. Janet,² b. March 29, 1803; d. Sept. 12, 1870; m. John Dunn q. v.
- ix. Abigail,² b. July 9, 1805; m. Cyrus Heaton of Thetford; d. 1841.
- x. Helen,² b. May 9, 1809; m. Daniel Powers of Thetford.
- 1 WILLIAM B.,² (Nathan B.,¹) b. Aug. 30, 1791; farmer; d. on the farm owned in 1860 by Daniel Wormwood. He m. 1st, by Rev. Jas. Milligan, March 18, 1819, Hannah Cole of Barton, who d. leaving one son Job. 2d, Jan. 23, 1828, by the same, Rhoda, dau. Jonathan Coburn (b. Jan. 14, 1813).

Children, from town record.

- ii. Rhoda Jane,³ b. Dec. 2, 1832,
- iii. William Wallace,³ b. March 6, 1836.
- iv. Horace Hibbard,³ b. Aug. 16, 1838
- v. Charles Augustus,³ b. Aug. 17, 1840.
- vi. Francis Adine,³ b. May 6, 1843.
- vii. Josiah Warren,³ b. July 19, 1845.
- viii. James Milton,³ b. Aug. 11, 1847.
- ix. Elliot Coburn,³ b. July 16, 1850.

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JOHN C.,¹ b. Nov. 7, 1824; m. Sept. 29, 1846, Nancy, dau. Ezra,³ Gates (b. Ryegate, Sept. 1, 1821; d. Feb. 6, 1880; bur. at Westmore, Vt.) He d. Oct 25, 1899. He lived near the outlet of Sym's Pond, and ran the saw mill some years. He was a fine marksman. Enlisted Aug. 14, 1862 in the U. S. Sharpshooters; dis. June 19, 1866; twice wounded. A very fine rifle, which he had made but was not not allowed to use in the army, is now owned by Mr. John Gates. Not related to the other Page families. Rem. to Westmore.

Children:

- i. George W.,² b. June 16, 1847; m. Eliza M. Clark. He d. in Ark., June 23, 1898.
- ii. Harriet M.,² b. Oct. 21, 1851; m. H. H. Carpenter of E. Concord, N. H.
- iii. Flora E.,² b. April 17, 1854; m. O. D. Bailey of Lakeport, N. H.

- iv. Ida J.,² b. June 29, 1856; m. July 4, 1881, H. Deveraux of Barton Vt., (b. June 28, 1854.) Ch. (1) Myrtie E.,³ b. Jan. 30, 1888. (2) Ralph E.,³ b. July 8, 1893.
- v. Calista J.,² b. Oct. 27, 1859; m. N. C. Simonds of York Beach, Me.
- vi. Eugene H.,² Feb. 26, 1862; m. Feb. 5, 1873, Mary Jane Gerrish of Francistown, N. H. Res. Sharon, Vt., in lumber bus. Ch. both b. Nashua, N. H. (1) Ethel Flora,³ b. May 31, 1894. (2) Bert Lewis,³ b. Oct. 20, 1897.

PARK.

This family has representatives in most of the parishes in the shires of Lanark, Dunbarton and Renfrew, where the name frequently recurs. In the "Church and Parish of Inchinnan," it is mentioned that "On the 3d of February, 1685, James Algie and John Park were hanged at the Cross of Paisley for refusing to take the Test and Oath of Abjuration." Whether the Park family of Ryegate is descended from this John Park who thus "suffered for the faith," in the days of the persecution cannot be ascertained, but in 1740 and for many years afterward, Alexander Park was an elder in the church at that place. The names John and Alexander often recur in the annals of the Park family here in Ryegate.

JOHN,¹ and Margaret (Read) his wife, came from near the Iron Works at Paisley, Scotland in 1794 and settled on the farm on part of which N. A. Park lives, dividing it between his sons Archibald and James. They were ad. to the Ass. Pres. ch. June 25, 1795 by certificate from the New Relief ch. at Glasgow.

GLASGOW, March 24, 1795,

These do certify that John Park and Margaret Reid his wife have for some time past been members of the New Relief church, Campbell Street here, and there is no reason known to us why they may not be admitted to any Christian Society where in the course of Providence their lot may be cast.

ROBERT BALFOUR, Minister.
WM. WALKER, Sess. Clerk.

He was a very successful farmer and a highly esteemed citizen. His wife d. June 24, 1807, and he m. March 22, 1808, by Rev. David Goodwillie, Jean McCallough. He d. Oct. 17, 1811.

Children:

- 1 i. Archibald,² b. 1780.
- 2 ii. James,² b. 1782.
- iii. John,² b. April 30, 1786. Went to New York and was never heard of afterward.

These are all the children whose names are in the old Family Bible of John Park, but there was certainly one more daughter, Jane or Jean, who m. in 1805, Robert Fulton of Newbury, who came from the parish of Ellerslie, near Glasgow, in 1801. She d. in 1816 and has many descendants in Newbury and vicinity. (See Hist. of Newbury).

- 1 ARCHIBALD,² (John,¹) b. 1780. Came with parents to Ryegate, lived and d. on the farm where his father did. He was prominent in town bus. for many years. He m. Margaret, dau. James Renfrew (b. Paisley, Scot., 1790; d. March 4, 18 6.) Mr. Park came to his death by being thrown from a wagon and kicked by the horse, dying six days later, Dec. 12, 1847; bur. in West cemetery,

Children:

- 3 i. John,³ b. March 7, 1807.
- ii. Margaret,³ b. Sept. 13, 1808: m. Robert Miller, q. v.
- iii. Jane,³ (Jean) b. Sept. 8, 1810; m. Robert Cochran, q. v.
- 4 iv. James Renfrew,³ b. Feb. 20, 1813.
- 5 v. Archibald,³ b. March 29, 1815.

Danvers 24th March 1795

We do certify that John Park and Margaret Child have for sometime past been members of the New Field Church & communicated here, and there is no reason known to us why they may not be admitted into any Christian Society where in the course of Providence they will may be called.

Jⁿ Daniel
John Hathorn Elder

- vi. Elizabeth,³ d. 4 mos.
- vii. Elizabeth;³ b. Oct. 5, 1818; d. Oct. 19, 1827.
- viii. Robert,³ b. June 23, 1821; went to California and d. there 1855.
- ix. Nancy,³ b. May 18, 1823; m. Wm. J. Nelson, q. v.
- x. Abigail,³ b. Sept. 15, 1825; m. Harrison Bailey of Newbury.
- xi. Andrew J.,³ b. Sept. 22, 1827; d. Sept. 3, 1833.
- xii. Caroline,³ b. Dec. 18, 1829; m. James Dickey, q. v.

- 2 JAMES,² (John,¹) b. 1782. Came to Am. with parents, settled on the north part of his father's farm, where he d. June 17, 1833. He m. Dec. 5, 1811, Elizabeth Bowles of Newbury, who d. Sept. 26, 1855.

Children:

- i. William,³ b. 1819; d. Dec. 17, 1845.
 - ii. Perry,³ settled and d. in Pennsylvania.
- 6 iii. Alexander H.,³ b. April 19, 1825.
- iv. Elizabeth Jane,³ b. Jan. 12, 1829; d. 1885.
- 3 JOHN,³ (Archibald,² John,¹) b. March 7, 1807. In 1832 he bought the farm formerly owned by Stratford Brown on which was an old log house about half way between the river and the present house. He built the latter and partly finished it in 1832, and m. 1st, March 20, 1833, Jane, dau. Walter Roben (b. Oct. 15, 1812; d. June 11, 1848). 2d, March 16, 1849, Susan, dau. Josiah Quint, (b. Oct. 15, 1825; d. Dec. 11, 1905.) John Park d. Oct. 23, 1885.

Rev. A. J. Park says that in 1840 there were in close connection with the farm of John Park, three log houses. One on the farm about half way from the present house to the river, in which the Widow Potts lived with her son Joseph who became a lawyer and lived in Barnet. Up past the present house on the hill, was a log house occupied by Mr. Wilson who had probably four chil., of whom the youngest were William and Jane. William some years afterward lived on the Crawford place. After he left, John Harvey occupied the house some years, had several chil. of whom Helen, Marion and John were the oldest. Then John Smith bought the place. Across the river, up the road a little way and back from the present road was the log house of Samuel Brown. Up the river and adjoining the Park farm was the log house of Samuel Allen, the last one of the four to be occupied. Mr. Roben says that in 1845 or thereabouts, James Brown, son of Robert Brown was stricken with small pox, in a very putrid form, at his father's home. Mary, the daughter of Stafford Brown, persisted in visiting him. She was taken with the disease, carried it to her home where her brother John took it and died. Robert with his family of boys, who were all carpenters, bought a building lot opposite the bridge that crossed the river, built a cottage house and as soon as James was able, moved in. He burned the old log house. The old people lived here the rest of their lives and the house has been occupied ever since by their descendants.

Children:

- 7 i. Andrew J.,⁴ b. July 22, 1834.
 - ii. Margaret Jane,⁴ b. May 1, 1836; d. May 16, 1840.
 - iii. Isabel Roben,⁴ b. June 9, 1837; clerk in store of Archibald Park several yrs. She m. March 20, 1874, Frank Finch, who d. July 13, 1898. No chil. She res. Wilton, Conn.
- 8 iv. Walter Archibald,⁴ b. Feb. 19, 1839.
- v. John R.,⁴ b. Nov. 26, 1840; d. Feb. 4, 1845.
 - vi. Martin Van Buren,⁴ b. July 28, 1842; lived in Cal.; dealer in real estate and mining stocks. He d. un-m. May 23, 1909 at Hotel Del Beaumont, Cal.
- 9 vii. Sarah Jane,⁴ b. June 15, 1844.
- viii. Polly Ann,⁴ b. March 20, 1846; m. Jabez B. Nelson, q. v.
 - ix. Infant son,⁴ b. May 20; d. May 25, 1848.

By 2d marriage.

- x. Susan Augusta,⁴ b.
 - xi. Leander Quint,⁴ b. Nov. 18, 1850. Went to Cal.; m. Euphemia Somers of Barnet; d. March 2, 1881. Ch. Nettie May,⁵ b. May 20, 1880.
 - xii. Jennette Helen,⁴ b. Oct. 23, 1852; d. Feb. 25, 1877.
 - xiii. Elizabeth Underwood,⁴ b. Nov. 29, 1853; m. Edgar Miller, who d. at Woodsville, N. H., March, 1912.
 - xiv. John L.,⁴ b. Oct. 25, 1855; d. July 7, 1877.
 - xv. Caroline A.,⁴ b. Feb. 24, 1857; d. Aug. 22, 1859.
 - xvi. James R.,⁴ b. April 24, 1859.
 - xvii. Abbie M.,⁴ b. Jan. 10, 1861; m. Alva George of Topsham.
 - xviii. Nancie E.,⁴ b. Feb. 13, 1863.
 - 10 xix. Robert H.,⁴ b. July 2, 1865.
 - xx. Rosa A.,⁴ b. March 14, 1868; m. George G. Nelson, q. v.
- 4 JAMES RENFREW,³ (Archibald,² John,¹) b. Feb. 20, 1813; farmer on homestead till 1881, when he sold to his son Geo. N., and rem. to South Ryegate. In politics a democrat; selectman 7 yrs., lister 10 yrs., town representative 1854; also largely occupied in the settlement of estates. He m. 1st, Feb. 7, 1839, by Rev. Wm. Pringle, Hannah G., dau., George Nelson (b. Sept. 6, 1818; d. March 17, 1874.) 2d by Rev. Mr. Hill, March 1, 1875, Mrs. Nancy (Brown) Plummer. She d. Aug. 2, 1892; he d. May 1, 1895.

Children:

- 12 i. George N.,⁴ b. Nov. 26, 1839; d. Jan. 10, 1890.
 - 13 ii. Archibald,⁴ b. Nov. 30, 1841.
 - iii. Arabella M.,⁴ b. Jan. 3, 1844; m. Nov. 21, 1872, Walter T. McLam.
 - iv. Annette Jane,⁵ b. July 30, 1847; d. March 3, 1878. She was an invalid all her life.
 - v. Martha Christie,⁴ b. Sept. 2, 1855; res. So. Ryegate.
- 5 ARCHIBALD,³ (Archibald,² John,¹) b. March 29, 1815. Went to New York City and became a retail dealer in Dress Trimmings and Fancy Goods. He m. by Rev. Wm. Pringle, Aug. 31, 1841, Margaret, dau. Walter Roben (b. R. Oct. 17, 1816; d. March 12, 1881.) He d. Westport, Conn., June 16, 1865. Both bur. Woodlawn cem., N. Y.

Children:

- i. Isabel Roben,⁴ b. N. Y. City, May 12, 1842; m. Dec. 26, 1870, Wm. H. McCord, contractor in the Iron and Steel trade, formerly of the firm of Post & McCord; sold their bus. to the Am. Bridge Co., in which he held an important position. Many office buildings, department stores and public buildings in N. Y., were built by his firm. Member of N. Y. Yacht Club, the Builders Club and other organizations. She d. Nov. 1910, Greenwich, Conn.

Children:

- 1. Isabel,⁵ [McCord] b. Nov. 15, 1871.
 - 2. Robert A.,⁵ b. June 29, 1873; m. June 29, 1893, Catherine Farrington of N. Y., who d. 1905. One s. Robert.⁶
 - 3. Charlotte,⁵ b. Dec. 7, 1874; m. Oct. 2, 1899, Nathaniel Webb of Greenwich, Conn. One dau. Catherine.⁶
 - 4. Frank B.,⁵ b. July 12, 1876; m. Agnes Clements of N. Y. 2 daus., 1 son.
 - 5. William P.,⁵ b. April 28, 1878.
 - 6. Herbert,⁵ b. June 19, 1880.
 - 7. Mary Margaret,⁵ b. Oct. 11, 1881; m. Dec. 26, 1902, Albert Burr of Greenwich, Conn. 2 sons.
 - 8. Grace,⁵ b. March 7, 1884; m. Oct. 5, 1907, Henry Flanders of Sturgis, Mich.
- ii. Benjamin Franklin,⁴ b. New York, Nov. 1, 1843. Salesman and European buyer of fancy goods and human hair, etc.; has made several trips to Europe. He m. June 22, 1886, Mrs. Mary E. (McCord) Armistage, who d. April 9, 1906, aged 49. Ch. Jessie McCord,⁵ b. April 11, 1887.



ALEXANDER H. PARK.



GEORGE N. PARK



ARCHIBALD PARK.



MRS MARGARET ROBEN PARK.

- iii. Henry,⁴ b. New York, Jan. 17, 1845. Salesman and Manager of one of the retail departments of A. T. Stewart & Co., 1870-'77, and for the past 20 yrs., office manager for Hirsh & Park and their successors at Medway, Mass., Manufacturers of Ladies' Felt Hats, employing about 300 hands. He m. 1st, Aug. 5, 1874, Frances Jeanette Thompson of New York City, who d. 1888. No ch. 2d, Oct. 17, 1893, Adelaide Virginia Hodges of Medway, Mass. Ch. Virginia Roben,⁵ b. Medway, Feb. 6, 1896.
 - iv. James Allen,⁴ b. N. Y. City, March 13, 1846. Salesman of wholesale fancy goods; m. July 28, 1874, Phebe H. Thaw of Danbury, Conn., who d. Dec. 19, 1878. Ch. Stephen F.,⁵ b. New Canaan, Conn., June 13, 1876; m. N. Y. city, Oct. 18, 1902, Daisy Belle Alcock, b. Vandalia, Mo., Oct. 26, 1876. Ch. (1) Katharine Roben,⁶ b. N. Y. City, Aug. 31, 1903. (2) Archibald Alcock,⁶ b. Nov. 7, 1905.
 - v. Archibald,⁴ b. Ryegate, Sept. 21, 1849; Manfr for 21 years of Ladies' Straw and Felt Hats at Medway, Mass., the firm name being Hirsh & Park. He retired from bus. 1906, the firm being now Hirsh & Guisburg. He m. in N. Y., City June 3, 1885, Annie Gertrude, dau. Elbre D. and Mary H. (Rider) Cordts. No ch. He d. Jan. 5, 1912 at the Colonial Hotel, N. Y. City.
 - vi. Walter Roben,⁴ b. Ryegate, July 20, 1857: salesman wholesale millinery goods. He m. 1st, in Greenwich, Conn., Nov. 17, 1880, Josephine J. Mead of G.; she d, Jan. 9, 1901. 2d, in Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 22, 1902, Clemence S. Mead, both wives being dau's of Benj. C., and Mary E. Mead of Greenwich. Ch. all by 1st m. (1) Mary E.,⁵ b. Nov. 14, 1884; m. Dec. 5, 1906, Charles Henser of N. Y., (b. Aug. 24, 1877.) (2) Archibald,⁵ b. May 12, d. July 21, 1887. (3) Walter Swan,⁵ b. Sept. 20, 1893; d. Jan. 23, 1894.
 - vii. Charles P.,⁴ b. N. Y. City, Dec. 23, 1852; farmer, clerk, etc. He m. in the winter of 1890, Mattie McManigill in Iowa (b. June 5, 1856) Res. Council Bluffs, Iowa. Ch. (1) Benjamin F.,⁵ b. Nov. 28, 1896. (2) Charles McCord,⁵ b. Feb. 24, 1898.
 - viii. Margaret Jane,⁴ b. N. Y. City, March 15, 1856; m. there July 7, 1877, John H. Totten, farmer of Wellfort, Conn., and res. there. Ch. (1) Mary Frances,⁵ [Totten] b. Fairfield, Conn., May 26, 1879. (2) Jessie Margaret,⁵ b. Fairfield, March 10, 1882; m. in N. Y. City, Jan. 1, 1907, Walter S. Meeker of Westport. (3) Archibald Park,⁵ b. Westport, Nov. 12, 1888.
 - ix. Jessie,⁴ b. Ryegate, June 23, 1859; m. N. Y. City, Jan. 18, 1883, Arthur W. Taylor (b. Greens Farms, Conn., July 23, 1859); farmer and salesman; res. Greens Farms. Ch. (1) Margaret Park,⁵ b. Greens Farms June 8, 1884. (2) Eleanor Wakeman,⁵ b. Southport, Conn., Oct. 26, 1889.
- 6 ALEXANDER HENDERSON,³ (James,² John,¹) b. April 19, 1825. His father d. in 1833 after a long term of sickness, leaving little to his family. Before his death he sold a strip off the south side of his farm to Alexander Gibson for \$250. Many years after the son bought it back from W. N. Gibson, paying \$1600. He sought no office, but was a public spirited citizen. He m. June 24, 1854, by Rev. John Bole (his 1st marriage ceremony) Margaret, dau. Andrew Renfrew (b. Groton, Nov. 10, 1831; d. Oct. 19, 1909). Members of ch. They gave their children the best education they could. He d. July 1, 1891.
- Children:
- i. Clara,⁴ b. March 7, 1857; d. July 13, 1865.
 - 13 ii. Henry James,⁴ b. Jan. 2, 1859.
 - 14 iii. Nelson A.,⁴ b. Jan. 16, 1861.
 - iv. Lizzie Ann,⁴ b. Sept. 9 1863; m. Sept. 27, 1892, Charles S. Mills, q. v.
 - v. Martha Jane,⁴ b. Oct. 16, 1866; m. Frank R. McColl, q. v.
- 7 ANDREW JACKSON,⁴ (John,³ Archibald,² John,¹) b. July 22, 1834. Went to N. Y. City 1855, and was in the store of Archibald Park 2½ yrs.; fitted for

college at Peacham and McIndoes Acads. In N. Y. City two and one-half yrs. in a store. Grad. at the Univ. of New York City 1863; Union Theo. Sem., 1866; ord. an evangelist by the 4th Presbytery of New York, April 22, 1866. He m. Sept. 15, 1866, Mary, dau. John and Mary Barnett of Albany, N. Y. Started same day as self-supporting missionaries in Mexico, but as war was then raging in Mexico, were compelled to remain at Brownsville, Tex., in charge of the church there till June, 1868. Then proceeded to Monterey, and adjoining cities of Mexico preaching in Spanish, 1868-'72, the last two years under the auspices of the Am. Foreign and Christian Union. Ret. to the States, pastor, 1873-'79 of the Free Ref. Dutch ch., Jersey City; North Dutch ch., N. Y. City, Fulton St., in connection with the Fulton Street Prayer meeting 1879-'82. Acting pastor, Cong. ch., Weston, Conn., 1882-'88; Huntington, Conn., 1888-'99; Exeter Parish, Lebanon, Conn., 1901 to date. Mr. Park has published sermons and addresses, and has contributed somewhat to the press.

Children:

- i. Andrew J.,⁵ b. Brownsville, Tex., Aug. 16; d. Aug. 24, 1867.
 - ii. Mary Isabel,⁵ b. Monterey, Mex., Dec. 26, 1868; grad. Mt. Holyoke Coll., 1893; grad. at the Post Grad. School of Philosophy of Yale Univ., 1893, with degree of Ph.D., 1904. Dean of woman's department, Heidelberg Univ., Tiffin, O.
 - iii. Louisa,⁴ b. Monterey, May 5; d. Oct. 11, 1870.
 - iv. Jennie Alice,⁵ b. Jersey City, N. J., Dec. 29, 1872; grad. Mt. Holyoke Coll., 1896; took Post Grad. course at Yale Univ.; teacher in New Haven, Conn., High School, 2 yrs. She m. Aug. 6, 1906, Arthur H. Clark, a grad. of Yale Univ. Ch. Arthur H.,⁶ b. Nov. 25, 1907.
- 8 WALTER ARCHIBALD,⁴ (John,³ Archibald,² John,¹) b. Feb. 19, 1839; went to Ill., 1862; crossed the Plains in a wagon; in Idaho 2 yrs.; in Oregon and Washington 2 yrs.; res. in California. Twice m. He d. at Clairs Creek, Butte Co., Cal., Dec. 17, 1911.

Children;

- i. Anna B.,⁵ b. Feb. 7, 1872.
 - ii. Clara M.,⁵ b. Aug. 15, 1873.
 - iii. Mary H.,⁵ b. March 1, 1875.
 - iv. Emma J.,⁵ b. July 19, 1876.
 - v. Walter R.,⁵ b. May 7, 1878.
 - vi. Frank H.,⁵ b. Aug. 27, 1881.
 - vii. Leo H.,⁵ b. April 27, 1883.
- All m. except Walter R. (June, 1908).
- 9 SARAH JANE,⁴ (John,³ Archibald,² John,¹) b. June 15, 1844; m. as 2d w., March 1, 1866, Henry T. Swan of Newbury. He bought in 1867, the "Dea. Moody Powers farm," in N., where he d. Oct. 10, 1883. (Mr. S. was b. in Haverhill and bur. there.) Mrs. Swan and her son rem. on that farm till 1896 when they sold it and bought of Frank W. George a large farm on the Upper Meadow in N. where they live.

Children all born in Newbury.

- i. Charlotte I.,⁵ [Swan] b. Jan. 4, 1867; m. Feb. 23, 1898, Geo. N. Dimick of Wells River; plumber; res. Woodsville, N. H.
 - ii. Isaac H.,⁵ [Swan] b. April 8, 1870; farmer on Upper Meadow, Newbury.
 - iii. Mary J.,⁵ [Swan] b. Nov. 7, 1873. d. May 8, 1889.
 - iv. Lillian C.,⁵ [Swan] b. Aug. 22, 1876; m. Jan. 5, 1898, Wm. W. Reid of Newbury; res. Barre, Vt. Ch. (1) Katherine C.,⁶ b. Aug. 30, 1899. (2) Eloise M.,⁶ b. Aug. 14, 1902.
- 10 ROBERT H.,⁴ (John,³ Archibald,² John,¹) b. July 2, 1865; m. April 15, 1893, Lena Willis.

Children:

- i. Leforest L.,⁵ b. Sept. 19; d. Oct. 7, 1894.
- ii. Mona M.,⁵ b. Dec. 2, 1895.
- iii. Bernard E.,⁵ b. March 15, 1897.

- iv. Roland D.,⁵ b. April 30, 1899.
 - v. Hollis L.,⁵ b. Aug. 20, 1900.
 - vi. Wynona J.,⁵ b. Dec. 19, 1901; d. Feb. 27, 1902.
 - vii. Reginald W.,⁵ b. May 28, 1903.
 - viii. Wynford J.,⁵ b. July 6, 1904; d. Dec. 12, 1906.
- 11 GEORGE N.,⁴ (James R.,³ Archibald,² John,¹) b. Nov. 24, 1839; ed. McIndoes Falls Acad.; went to Boston at 22, and was a truckman for Park, Symes & Co., till 1889; ret. to the old Park homestead, 1881. He was a fine musician, and taught music several years. Had quite a knowledge of medicine, and practised as a veterinary. Mason of the Order of St. Omer, St. Matthew and St. Paul. He m. Boston, May 17, 1877, Agnes, dau. Walter Buchanan of Ryegate. He d. Jan. 11, 1890, and she carried on the farm successfully till 1892, when she sold it to Henry Park and retired to her birthplace which she purchased of her brother James.
- Children;
- i. James Walter,⁵ b. Boston, 1879; d. at 1 mo. 7 d's.
 - ii. Gertrude Agnes,⁵ b. So. R., April 10, 1881; m. June 22, 1904, Frank Robert Meserve of Newbury. Ch. (1) Robert George,⁶ b. June 24, 1907. (2) Cecile Agnes, b. April 14, 1909.
 - iii. Jeanie Bell,⁵ b. So. R., Feb. 8, 1887; d. Oct. 11, 1893.
- 12 ARCHIBALD,⁴ (James R.,³ Archibald,² John,¹) b. Nov. 30, 1841; worked some years in Boston; m. Nov. 27, 1873, Maria, dau. James McLure. One ch., James Frank, b. Ryegate, Oct. 26, 1874; d. Oct. 20, 1884. He m. 2d, Jan. 14, 1885, Martha, dau. John McLure. She d. June 30, 1897.
- 13 HENRY JAMES,⁴ (Alexander H.,³ James,² John,¹) b. Jan. 2, 1859; ed. Peacham Acad., taught school; in Boston in publishing bus. nearly 10 yrs.; farmer in Ryegate eight or nine yrs., also school director six yrs., holding other offices; in publishing bus., Boston, again two yrs.; since, farmer at Passumpsic, also school director and Supt. of schools. He m. Aug. 21, 1884, in Ryegate, by Rev. John Bole, Mary G., dau. James Esden of Barnet.
- Children:
- i. James Walter,⁵ b. 1885; d. in infancy.
 - ii. Margaret Marion,⁵ b. Boston, June 14, 1887. Now in Smith Coll.
 - iii. Nelson Renfrew,⁵ b. Boston, Nov. 24, 1800.
 - iv. Raymond,⁵ b. Ryegate, Oct. 19; d. Oct. 21, 1894.
 - v. Harold Alexander,⁵ b. Ryegate, Nov. 2, 1896.
- 14 NELSON ANDREW,⁴ (A. H.,³ James,² John,¹) b. Jan. 16, 1861; ed. Peacham Acad.; taught seven or eight winters; elected Supt. of Schools, 1887, serving 16 or 17 years; town auditor several yrs., town treasurer, 1907 till date; clerk and treasurer Caledonia Park Corporation some ten yrs., and closed up its affairs when it dissolved in 1906; farmer on homestead. He m. Feb. 7, 1907, Jane Craigie, b. Leeds, Prov. of Quebec. She began teaching at 15, taught three yrs., entered McGill Univ., and grad. there; taught in Canada, 10 yrs. at So. Ryegate, three in Mass. Members of 1st. Pres. ch.
- Children:
- i. Nelson Paul,⁵ b. April 27, 1909.

PATTERSON.

JAMES,¹ b. Annandale, Scotland, 1818; came to Ryegate, 1846; m. 1st, April 24, 1848, Mary Jane, dau. James,² (James,¹) Whitehill (b. Feb. 18, 1819; d. March 14, 1879.) 2d, Jan. 30, 1880, Lurie Ann, dau. Allen and Sally Barret Keyser, b. Woodbury, Vt.; June 9, 1847. She was adopted by her grandfather Benjamin Barret and always went by the name of Barret. Res. in Ryegate, but rem. 1886 to Cabot, Vt., where he d. Aug. 1, 1893. She res. Concord, N. H. James Patterson and 1st w. are bur. in Walter Harvey cemetery.

Children by 2d marriage.

- i. Mary Ann,² b. Ryegate, March 14, 1881; m. 1901, Arthur Mann, employed in the Navy Yard Boston. Res. Bristol, N. H. Ch. all b. Natick, Mass. (1) James A. A. Mann,³ b. Dec. 9, 1902. (2) George A. A.,³ b. Dec. 26, 1903. (3) Walter M.,³ b. March 9, 1905. (4) Frank W. H.,³ b. March 10, 1906.
- ii. Grace Lurie,² b. Ryegate, Nov. 3, 1883; m. Dec. 26, 1900, George A. Duke of Plainfield; carpenter. No ch. She is now matron of the Prison for Women, Sherburne, Mass.

PERRY.

DR. ELI,¹ b. Wardsboro, Vt., 1790, Educated in Buffalo, N. Y.; came to R. ab. 1820, and taught school having 100 pupils. He studied medicine and began practice at the Corner about 1825, and continued with fair success till near his death, being the first settled physician in this town. Those who remember him speak highly of him, both as a man and a physician. Member of the Covenant church at the Corner and later one of the charter members of the Ref. Pres. ch. at So. Ryegate. He was precentor over 40 years, at first lining out the psalm line by line, later two lines at a time. Finally psalm books came into use and the ancient practice was discontinued. Dr. Perry built and occupied the house which is now the home of Chas. L. Adams. He m. 1st, Oct. 30, 1825, Azubah, dau. of Hezekiah Weatherbee of Grafton, Vt., gr. dau. of Col. Enoch Hale of Hinsdale, N. H. She d. Nov. 1837. He m. 2d, March 9, 1841, Margaret, dau. James Hall (b. Dec. 2, 1805; d. Feb. 13, 1885.) He d. Aug. 1865.

Children, by 1st marriage:

- i. Benj. Franklin,² b. July 25, 1827; m. Amelia Pratt; both dead. Ch. (1) Llewellyn and Estella, who are in the west.
- ii. Mary,² b. Sept. 28, 1829; m. L. Glynn. One dau., who m. B. B. Lane, with whom her mother resides.
- iii. Rhoda,² b. June 29, 1831; m. Volence Orr 1848; d. 1849.
- 1 iv. Appleton,² b. Feb. 6, 1836.

By 2d marriage.

- v. Helen L.,² b. 1844; d. May 10, 1912; m. George Crowe, q. v.
- vi. Azubah,² d. y.
- vii. Martha,² d. aged 8 mos.
- viii. Charlotte Ann,² b. 1848; m. E. N. Spencer of Concord, N. H.
- 1 APPLETON,² (Dr. Eli,¹) b. Feb. 6, 1836; m. 1st, Feb. 1870, Jane, dau. Dea. John Smith, wid. of N. K. Laughlin. He d. E. Montpelier, July 13, 1909. She d. Nov. 21, 1889. 2d, 1899, Jane Orr. Mem. Ref. Pres. ch.

Children:

- i. Mary Anna,³ b. June 29, 1871. Res. Barnet.
- ii. William John,³ b. Oct. 20, 1872; mechanic at Fairbanks Scale Works, St. Johnsbury. He m. Nov. 17, 1897, Louise Donahoe. Ch. (1) Florence Irene,⁴ b. Sept. 1, 1898. (2) Margaret E.,⁴ b. April 26, 1906.
- iii. Ralph Gibson,³ b. June 15, 1876. Studied medicine one year in Medical Dept., U. V. M., Burlington; three years course at Baltimore, (Md.) Med. Coll., grad. 1901. In practice at Jarvisville, W. Va., 10 yrs., now in practice at Wells River, Vt. He m. at Washington, D. C., Jan. 4, 1901, Minnie Asenath, dau. Horace Homer and Almira S. Hollister of Plainfield, Vt., b. June 24, 1876. She grad. Mary Fletcher Hospital Training School for Nurses at Burlington, Vt., 1899. Ch. (1) Madae Campbell,⁴ b. July 14, 1902. (2) Mona Jane,⁴ b. Nov. 22, d. Nov. 25, 1903. (3) Ralph Gibson,⁴ b. Jan. 30, 1911.

PETERS.

(For a more complete account of the Peters family in England and America see McKeen's History of Bradford, Vt., pp. 126-140.)

SAMUEL,¹ son of Andrew B., and Lydia (Bliss) Peters, b. Bradford, April 16, 1797; m. at Lyman, N. H., March 1, 1821, Margaret, dau. Robert,² (William,¹) Nelson (b. at L., now Monroe, June 4, 1802.) They came to Ryegate in May, 1825. He kept tavern at the Corner, also owned and operated a tannery, which he sold in 1843 to John Gibson and Harry Moore, and rem. to Haverhill, engaging in similar bus. for many years, but d. in Benton, Jan. 20, 1875. She d. at Littleton, Jan. 29, 1883. Samuel Peters was a very active man, quite eccentric, many of whose sayings were long current in the town.

Children: (This record is by Mr. Miller.)

- i. Ann Eliza,² b. Monroe, April 15, 1822; m. Nov. 2, 1848, Myron Bailey (b. Hardwick, Vt., April 27, 1824.) Farmer at Monteno, Ill.; rem. 1880 to Littleton, N. H., where both d. No ch.
- ii. George R.,² b. Feb. 29; d. March 2, 1824.
- iii. William,² (twin to above) d. same day.
- iv. Lydia,² b. June 30, 1825; m. Andrew Warden, q. v.
- v. Nancy N.,² b. Ryegate, May 19, 1827; d. at Haverhill, N. H., Dec. 5, 1848.
- vi. Henry N.,² b. Ryegate, July 18, 1829; m. at Bath, N. H., Jan. 4, 1854, Charlotte E., dau. Joseph Davis (b. Bath, March 4, 1836.) They rem. to Manteno, Ill., 1856, and he enlisted in Sept. 1861, in the 4th Ill. Cavalry, and saw much service. He d. in Texas, 1893. Ch. (1) Fred H.,³ b. Bath, N. H., Oct. 6, 1854. (2) Charles G.,³ Manteno, Ill., May 31, 1861. (3) Frank M.,³ b. Nov. 10, 1866.
- vii. Milo K.,² b. Ryegate, March 20, 1832; went to Ill., 1847; farmer and merchant. He m. at Manteno, Oct. 22, 1856, Ellen F. Richardson (b. Columbus, O., Oct. 24, 1838.) Ch. (1) Minnie C.,³ b. July 28, 1857; d. March 4, 1858. (2) Nellie M.,³ b. May 31, 1860. (3) Maggie J.,³ b. Sept. 22, 1862. (4) George,³ b. Feb. 13, 1866. (5) Mary,³ b. Aug. 23, 1869. (6) William,³ b. May 3, 1874.
- viii. Margaret Flora,² b. Ryegate, July 2, 1834; m. at Lowell, Mass., March 10, 1858, James B. Truworthy, boot and shoemaker at Lowell, Mass. 6 ch., all d. in 1890 but one.
- ix. Helen Mar,² b. Ryegate, Jan. 5, 1837; m. Feb. 7, 1866, Paul H. Seager of Manteno, Ill., (b. April 6, 1830.) Farmer. No ch.
- x. Ruby Chastena,² b. Ryegate, Jan. 22, 1840; m. Oct. 12, 1875, Rev. Frank W. Smith, a Methodist minister of the N. H. conference.
- xi. Jared,² b. Aug. 15, 1848; d. Feb. 27, 1849.

POLLOCK.

REV. WILLIAM ALLEN, 6th son of William Wiley and Annie Murphy Pollock, b. Philadelphia, Pa., June 6, 1881. (His father was b. in Glasgow, Scot., his mother in Co. Antrim, Ireland, both of Covenanter stock. The original name of the family was Polk, Pres. James K. Polk being 1st cousin of the g. father of Wm. A.) Ed. public schools of Philadelphia; grad. Cedarville Coll., Cedarville, O., 1904; two yrs. in Theo. Sem. of the Ref. Pres. ch. (Gen. Synod.) In the Theo. Sem. of the United Pres. ch. at Allegheny, Pa., Oct. 1906, till graduation. May, 1907.; rec. call from the Ref. Pres. ch., So. Ryegate, Jan. 1907 and began his service in July following. He m. Oct. 16, 1907, Mary E. Sterret of Cedarville, O., who was educated in the public schools and college at Cedarville. Ch. (1) Auna Mary, b. So. Ryegate, Aug. 14, 1908. (2) Esther, b. Omaha, Neb., June 16, 1911.

Mr. Pollock res. his charge Aug. 21, 1910. Released by the Vt. Presbytery, Sept. 20, preached his farewell sermon Sept. 25, and is now a home missionary in Nebraska.

POWERS.

JOHN W.,¹ b. Bath, N. H., July 21, 1804; m. Jan. 6, 1831, Betsey E. Holman (b. Ryegate, Nov. 1, 1812; d. Nov. 25, 1902.) He d. Aug. 8, 1886.

Children of whom the following are living:

- i. William J.,² b. May 10, 1831; lives in California. Not married.
- ii. Harvey S.,² b. Bath, Jan. 7, 1838; served in Co. A. 9th Vt., in the Civil war; farmer in Ryegate. He m. at Barnet, June 22, 1878, by Rev. N. R. Nichols, Francena M., dau. Joel Carbee (b. R. April 19, 1848; d. June 28, 1908.)

Children, besides three who are dead:

- i. Frank H.,³ b. April 7, 1879; m. July 28, 1903, Winifred E. Gilchrist.
- ii. Alice J.,³ b. June 5, 1883; m. Nov. 11, 1901, Clayton H. Libbey of Lyndonville, Vt. Ch. (1) Francena K.,⁴ b. March 17, 1903. (2) Kermit Stuart,⁴ b. July 5, 1904. (3) Clarice Adine,⁴ b. July 10, 1906. (4) Clayton I.,⁴ b. July 16, 1910. (5) Harvey Powers,⁴ b. July 12, 1911.

PRINGLE.

REV. WILLIAM MONCRIEF PRINGLE, the son of a noted Scotch clergyman, b. Perth, Scotland, 1791; grad. at Glasgow as a physician and surgeon in 1820; commissioned a surgeon in the British navy and made a voyage to Canada in that capacity. On his return to Scotland he entered a theological seminary, was licensed to preach in 1826; came again to America, and preached in Troy, N. Y., at the same time living as a tutor, in the family of Maj. General Wool. Came to Ryegate, 1829, and was installed pastor of the Associate Pres. ch. June 29, 1830. His ministry was for some years very successful, but in consequence of the troubles more particularly related in the chapter upon the Associate ch., his congregation was divided, the major part leaving it, and forming a church of their own. He resigned his charge in 1852, and d. Dec. 16, 1858, at the house of Elder Wm. Henderson, where he was staying a short time; bur. at Barnet Center. He m. 61 couples between Sept. 1830 and Sept. 1840. He m. Margaret, dau. of Rev. Alexander Bullions, D.D., gr. dau. of Rev. David Goodwillie of Barnet (b. Cambridge, N. Y.; d. June, 1846.).

Children all b. in Ryegate:

- i. Mary Bullions,² b. 1830; grad. Cambridge (N. Y.) Acad. 1854; teacher many years, four yrs. in Brownsburg, Va., High School. She d. Nov. 20, 1907.
- 1 ii. Alexander B.,² b. May 15, 1833.
- iii. William,² b. Nov. 1835; attended Cambridge Acad. Cast his vote for Fremont 1856, but d. Feb. 1857 after three days illness.
- iv. Jennie M.,² b. Dec. 25, 1838; ed. Cambridge, N. Y., Acad.; teacher in the south many years with her sister Mary. She m. 1863, David J. Whipple, high sheriff of Rockbridge Co., Va., during the Civil war, afterwards farmer; has been dead some yrs. Ch. Mary,³ Floy,³ (Mrs. Bratton) Jean,³ David,³ and William,³ of Brownsburg and Charles of Jewell, Ky.
- 1 ALEXANDER BULLIONS,² (Rev. Wm.,¹) b. Ryegate, May 15, 1833; ed. Cambridge, N. Y., Acad.; farmer; elected constable and collector, 1856, '57; dep. sheriff for Caledonia Co., 1857. His farm in R. is now owned by Page Bros. Enlisted Aug. 8, 1862 in Co. A, 11th Vt. Vols; transferred to 1st Heavy Artillery; made gunner at Fort Totten, Washington, 1863; ordered June 4, 1864, to report to the Gen. Hospital, Brattleboro; ap. July, post master; Nov. 1864, commissary, till must. out May 21, 1865. Mem. Asso. Pres. ch., chosen elder; S. S. Supt. 6 yrs.; rem. to St. Johnsbury Centre; gardener; deacon in Cong. ch. He m. Sept. 3, 1857, Julia A., dau. Dea. Andrew Laughlin b. Aug. 29, 1834.

Children all born Ryegate.

- i. Margaret Luey,⁴ b. Aug. 9, 1858; d. June 1860.
- ii. William Alexander,³ b. Sept. 11, 1860; printer; res. Niagara Falls; torem-an in the Carter-Crum Manf. Co., and elder in the Pres. ch. He m. in Bristol, Conn., Oct. 14, 1885, Hattie Amelia Wright. No chil.
- iii. Henry Nelson,³ b. Oct. 21, 1864; grad. Dartmouth Coll., 1890; Andover Theo. Sem. 1893; pastor of Churches at Anoka, Minn., and Eastport, Me.; sec. since July 1, 1901 of the Christian Civic League of Maine. He m. Nov. 21, 1894, Emma Jane Prescott. Mr. Pringle has been very active in temperance work and the enforcement of the prohibitory law in the state of Maine. Res. Waterville, Me.

Children:

1. Alexander Monecrief,⁴ b. March 25, 1896.
2. Margaret,⁴ b. Sept. 26, 1898; d. March 5, 1908.
3. William Prescott,⁴ b. Oct. 10, 1900.
4. Edwin Edward,⁴ b. May 10, 1903.
5. Helen,⁴ b. Dec. 8, 1905.
- iv. Florence Eleanor,³ b. June 25, 1866; m. Sept. 20, 1894, Rev. Charles Frederick, s. of Joseph W. and Frances E. [Weld] Robinson (b. Meredith, N. H., July 7, 1866. Fitted for college at New Hampton Ins.; grad. Dartmouth 1890, A. M. 1904; grad. Andover Theo. Sem. 1893; took advanced work there 1900-'01, with degree of S. T. B. Ord. pastor Cong. ch. Meriden, N. H., June 6, 1893; dis. Sept. 3, 1900. During his pastorate a fine stone church was erected. Pastor Clinton, Conn., Oct. 20, 1901-Oct. 5, 1906; Milford, N. H., Oct. 5, 1906-April 1, 1911; Central Cong. ch., Derry, N. H., April 15, 1911 to date; inst. Feb. 1, 1912. Instructor in Hebrew Dartmouth Coll., 1893-'96; in English, 1904. Member of several missionary and college societies. Ch. (1) Hugh Laughlin,⁴ b. March 23, 1897. (2) Robin,⁴ b. May 11, 1903.
- v. James Nelson,³ b. Dec. 2, 1874; grad. Dartmouth Coll., 1897; prin. High School, Hillsboro Bridge, N. H., 1897-'99, also Sharon, Mass., 1899-1909; Supt. of schools, Portsmouth, N. H., 1907 to date. He m. Nov. 30, 1899, Flora Perkins. Ch. (1) Nelson Giles,⁴ b. Oct. 2, 1902.

QUINT.*

BENJAMIN,¹ came from Portsmouth, N. H., in 1792, on horseback, and settled in Orford, N. H., clearing up 25 acres of land in the east part of the town afterward called Quint town in his honor. He served in the American navy in the Revolutionary war, serving under John Paul Jones on board the Bon Homme Richard in the action of that ship with the Serapis in 1779. He d. in Orford at an advanced age. He had two sons, Benjamin and Josiah. Descendants of the former still live in Orford, where both sons were born.

JOSIAH,² (Benjamin,¹) b. Orford, N. H., 1789; came to R. in 1814 and m. Janet, dau. Alexander Miller (b. Dec. 23, 1702; d. 1848.) They lived in Bath, N. H., at E. Ryegate and other places, but settled finally on what was then called "Miller's Mills," and later, the "Quint place," on the river road below So. Ryegate, where he carried on the business of grinding oat meal and hulling barley, the only mill of the kind in all this section. He also had a saw mill there, and did custom sawing. Josiah Quint owned, before 1830, the farm near Boltonville in Newbury, where his son Josiah long lived, which he sold to Ellis Colburn in 1843, and which was sold by the latter's heirs to Leander Quint in 1863. The farm was settled by Wm. Randall whose house stood further up the hill than the present one, which was built by Josiah Quint,

* Prepared by Mrs. N. Robinson.

Senior. Josiah Quint and his wife were Covenanters, and he was a deacon in the church many years. He d. 1853. A complete record of their descendants was accidentally destroyed some years ago, and dates of birth and marriage cannot be given in all cases.

Children:

- 1 i. Robert,³ b. July 20, 1815.
 - ii. Miller,³ d. un-m.
 - iii. Eliza,³ lived with her parents, and d. un-m. These two were buried at Ryegate Corner.
- 2 iv. Leander.³
 - v. Susan,³ b. Oct. 15, 1825; d. Dec. 11, 1905; m. John Park, q. v.
- 3 vi. Josiah,³ b. June 5, 1837.

- 1 ROBERT,³ (Josiah,² Benjamin,¹) b. E. Ryegate, July 20, 1815; m. by Rev. Mr. Pringle Jan. 18, 1841; Sarah, dau. John Dawin (b. Ryegate, Jan. 20, 1816; d. Dec. 31, 1898). He d. June 22, 1881.

Children:

- i. Helen,⁴ b. April 28, 1842; d. March 2, 1849.
- ii. Janet Sarah,⁴ b. Dec. 28, 1844; d. June 15, 1870.
- iii. Robert J.,⁴ b. 1850; d. un-m. Jan. 14, 1905.
- iv. Josiah,⁴ b. 1854; m. Florence Black of Duluth, Minn. He d. June 19, 1891. One son, Joseph, who res. near Duluth. The widow of Josiah Quiut m. 2d, a Mr. Bolin of Duluth. This entire family are bur. at So. Ryegate.
- 2 LEANDER,³ (Josiah,² Benjamin,¹) b. Bath, N. H., Aug. 1825; edu. at com. schools and Newbury Seminary; taught school and studied law with Hon. Abel Underwood at Wells River. He also assisted the U. S. Marshall, Col. Jacob Kent, in his attendance upon circuit and district courts, and was one of the party who arrested the counterfeiters in the Bristol Bill affair at Groton in 1849. He was also deputy sheriff at the time Michael Kelley was murdered at Ingalls hill in Newbury, Sept. 22, 1847. Ad. to the bar of Orange Co., June, 1849, and went to California in Sept. of that year, engaging as a miner; opened a law office at Sonora, Tuolumne Co.; elected judge of that Co., 1853, holding the office two yrs.; Dist. Attorney several yrs., state senator 1862, '63; rem. 1863 to Esmeralda Co., Nev., and became partner with Judge James H. Hardy, with whom he was in practice till June, 1865, in Virginia City, when they rem. to San Francisco, and were in practice till Judge Hardy's death in June, 1874. He was counsel for Laura D. Fair for the shooting of Hon. A. P. Crittenden, a very noted case, in which he won a great reputation as a criminal lawyer. With him in that case was associated Judge Edwin Rogers of Sonora, a native of Newbury. After the death of Mr. Hardy, Judge Quint was in partnership with Henry Edgerton, a noted orator. In politics a democrat. He d. suddenly April, 1890, leaving a wife and four chil. three of whom are living in Cal.

JOSIAH, (Josiah, Benjamin,¹) b. E. Ryegate, June 5, 1827; in Cal. Feb. 1851-'57; ret. to R. and bought the John Hall farm 1858, which he sold 1864, to Hugh G. Miller, and moved to the farm on Quint hill, Newbury, which had formerly been owned by his father, and now by his daughter. He was a man of extensive information and much natural ability as a writer and speaker. Helm; 1st, at Bradford, Dec. 6, 1860, Adaline, dau. Thos. and Lucy [Smith] Hancock of Bath, who d. Nov. 17, 1870. 2d, Julia A. Morgan of Boston, now dec. He d. April 18, 1903; bur. Boltonville.

Children all by 1st marriage:

- i. Thomas,³ b. Ryegate, Jan. 13, 1862; farmer at Edmonton, Alberta, Can. He m. Lizzie White of Ontario, Cal. 3 chil.
- ii. Lucy Janet,³ b. Ryegate, Sept. 27, 1863; m. as 2d w. June 25, 1902,

- Richard Ludlow, a native of Dublin, Ireland; farmer on the Quint homestead in Newbury. Ch. (1) Helen,⁴ [Ludlow] b. April 2, 1903. (2) Kathleen Quint [Ludlow] b. Jan. 14, 1909.
- iii. Leander J.,³ b. Newbury, Feb. 11, 1866; ed. com. schools and Peacham Acad. Went to Cal. 1884; postmaster at Sherman some yrs.; mayor of Rodondo Beach, and president of the board of trustees at Los Angeles and prominent in municipal affairs; m. April 28, 1898, Laura Bilderrain of Los Angeles. He was highly esteemed. Two chil. Leander J. Quint d. Nov. 14, 1909.
- iv. Martha Adaline,³ b. Newbury, Jan. 2, 1867; m. Oct. 12, 1904, Martin Costello of Danville, Que.; re. Calgary. Can. Ch. (1) John,⁴ and Allen,⁴ (twins) b. Montreal, 1905. (3) Mary Edith,⁴ b. Calgary, 1907. (4) Marion,⁴ and Margaret,⁴ (twins) b. Calgary, 1809; the latter d. in the same year.

REEDE.

REV. HUGH W.,¹ b. Westmoreland Co., Penn., July 26, 1855; grad. Geneva Coll., May 28, 1878; attended Ref. Pres. Sem. at Allegheny, Pa.; licensed April 13, 1881; and ord. by the N. Y. Presbytery and inducted pastor of the Ref. Pres. ch. at Ryegate, Jan. 19, 1883; Supt. of schools 1884, '85; res. Sept. 21, 1886 to become Principal of Knox Acad., Selma, Ala., till Dec. 1887; pastor Ref. Pres. ch's., Youngstown, O., April, 1886-Dec. 1901; Teeswater, Ont., July, 1891-June, 1898; Alma St. Pres. ch., St. Thomas, Ont., Aug. 1899-Aug. 1909; Pittsburgh (Ont.) Pres. ch., Aug. 1909, to date. He m. 1st, March 29, 1881, L. Emma Robison of Dresden, O., (b. Sept. 12, 1858; d. March 30, 1886.) Grad. Geneva Coll., May 19, 1880; Pres. of So. Ryegate W. C. T. U., 1884, '85. 2d, Nov. 23, 1886, Alice B. dau. Robert T. Miller, b. Ryegate, April 12, 1864. Ed. Montebello Ladies Ins., Newbury, Peacham and St. J. Acad.; teacher in Newbury, Groton and Ryegate; Pres. of Teeswater W. C. T. U., 1893-'99; Bruce Co., do. 1895-'98; Elgin Co., do. 1899-1906, St. Thomas, do. 1904-1909. She d. May 30, 1912; bur. So. Ryegate.

Children both born at Youngstown, O.

- i. Emma Alice,² b. Aug. 2, 1888; grad. Alma Coll., St. Thomas; music teacher and mezzo soprano soloist.
- ii. Robert Hugh, b. May 18, 1890; matriculated from St. Thomas Coll. Ins. in Queen's University, June 1908. In real estate bus. Saskatoon, Sask. He m. Aug. 5, 1912, Gertrude Church of S.

REID.

DAVID. His birthplace is not given, but he came from Scotland with his wife, reaching Ryegate, Oct. 7, 1774, in company with John Waddell, William Neilson and family, and Thomas McKeith. His name does not appear in the list of signers to the Bond of Association, but as he took up land as one of the Company he may have been a son of "William Reid, residenter in Atherstone," who was a member of it. His farm on Connecticut river is now owned by A. A. Miller. He was the first man to volunteer in the Rev. war from Ryegate taking the place of Andrew Brock who was drafted, but for some reason could not go, and served in Capt. Frye Bayley's Co., which marched to Saratoga. He was certainly a church member and as his name does not appear among town officers and as he was a signer to the call for Rev. Wm. Gibson, he was probably a Covenanter. "His wife became violently insane and several times attempted his life, so that he obtained a divorce from her, and afterward married the widow Kincaid from Haverrhill, who had a large family of small children whom David brought

up with as much care and pains as if they had been his own, so that they all became good and useful men and women."—Mason.] David Reid certainly deserves to be remembered. He d. Feb. 16, 1821, aged 81; bur. at Ryegate Corner. In person he was under five ft. in height, very thickset and of immense physical strength.

REID.

MARION, dau. of George Ronalds, b. Ryegate, March 18, 1803; m. Nov. 28, 1826, Robert Charlton Reid,¹ (b. May 31, 1795 near Lexington, Ky. His parents were of Scotch ancestors who settled in the n. of Ireland; his father was b. in Derry and his mother in County Antrim. They settled in Xenia township, Ohio, where he bought a tract of "Virginia Military Land," which is still in the family. Elder in Ref. Pres. ch. He d. Oct. 17, 1865.) She d. June 9, 1895 in her 93d year. She was brought up partly in the family of Gen. James Whitelaw, and often had charge of his office when he was away from home. Mrs. Reid re-visited Ryegate several times, and retained to the last a deep interest in the place and its people.

Children:

- i. Gavin McMillan,² b. April 8, 1828; d. Oct. 25, 1862, his wife having d. 8 mos. earlier. Ch. (1) Caroline Hinman,³ who d. June 27, 1876, in her 22d year. (2) Ella,³ who had been abroad much with her uncle, and was m. Sept. 27, 1892 to Judge Ralph C. Harrison, then on the bench of the Supreme Court of the State of California. Both are still living in San Francisco.

1 ii. *Whitelaw,² b. Oct. 27, 1837.

2 iii. Chestina,² b. June 12, 1842.

- 1 WHITELAW,² (Robert C.,¹) b. Cedarville, O., Oct. 27, 1837. Grad. Miami Univ., Oxford, O., 1856; correspondent in the Civil War; served on the military staff of Gen. Thomas A. Morris in the 1st W. Va. campaign, and subsequently on the staff of Gen. Rosecrans; in 1862 became clerk of the Military Committee of the House of Representatives and was subsequently its librarian until 1866; in 1868 became connected with the New York Tribune, first as chief editorial writer under Mr. Greeley, then as managing editor, and from 1872 to 1895 chief proprietor; ap. Minister to Germany, 1877 and 1881 but declined both times; Minister to France, 1889-'92; Republican nominee for Vice President, 1892; Ambassador to England since 1893. Special Ambassador to Queen Victoria's Jubilee, 1897; Peace Commissioner to Paris, at close of Spanish War, 1898. Special Ambassador to the Coronation of King Edward, 1902. Res. Dorchester House, Park Lane, London. Has written "After the War, a Southern Tour," 1867; "Ohio in the War," 1868; "Problems of Expansion," 1900; "The Scot in America and the Uister Scot," 1912, and has made many public addresses. Elected to the Board of Regents, University of the State of New York, 1878, succeeding Gov. John A. Dix; elected Vice-Chancellor 1902, and Chancellor, 1904. L.L.D. Miami Univ., 1890; Princeton, 1899; Yale, 1901; Cambridge, 1902; St. Andrews, 1905. He m. April 26, 1881, Elizabeth, dau. D. O. Mills, of N. Y. City

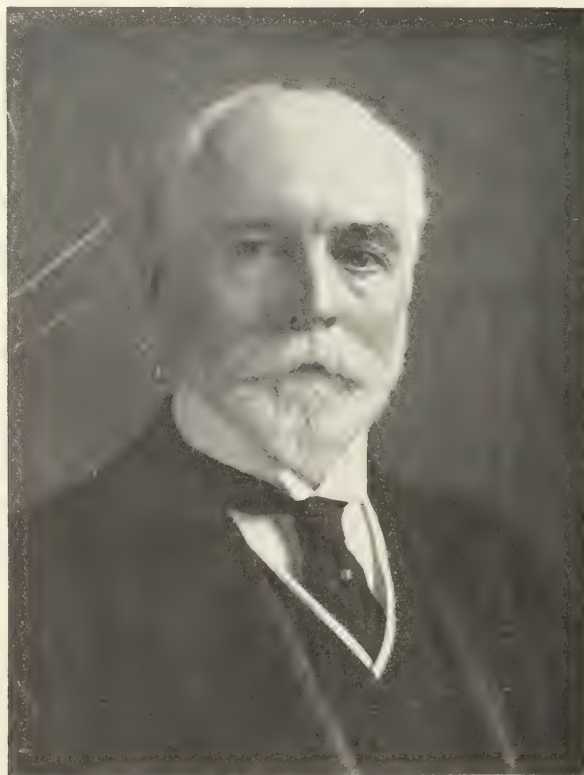
Children:

- i. Ogden Mills,³ b. May 16, 1882; now managing editor of New York Tribune.

*NOTE. As to the statement which is often made that the full name of Hon. Whitelaw Reid is James Whitelaw Reid, he writes to the editor under date of May 23, 1912, "I was baptized simply Whitelaw Reid, and the baptismal name generally holds among Scotch Presbyterians. While I was still an infant my mother concluded that she would like to have the full name of General Whitelaw used and it was therefore used until after my graduation, but dropped when becoming of age."



MRS. MARION RONALDS REID.



HON. WHITELAW REID.
AMBASSADOR AT COURT OF ST. JAMES.



- ii. Jean Templeton,³ b. July 13, 1884; m. Hon. John H. Ward of London and Chilton Lodge, England.
- 2 CHESTINA,² (Robert C.,⁴) b. Cedarville, O., June 12, 1842; m. March 26, 1867, George W. Smith, Manufacturer and Banker, Hanóver, N. H.; d. White River Junction, Vt., Oct, 12, 1876.
- Children,
- i. Robert E.,³ [Smith] b. Hanover, Nov. 13, 1869; res. White River Junction. He m. Jan. 2, 1890. Winnie F. Barnes (b. Lyme, N. H., March 2, 1868. Ch. (1) George W.,⁴ [Smith] b. Dec. 20, 1892. (2) Edwin E.,⁴ [Smith] b. Jan. 20, 1894. (3) Dorothy B.,⁴ [Smith] b. July 7, 1895. (4) Robert W.,⁴ [Smith] b. Oct. 14, 1898.

RENFREW.

A letter dated at Blackstown Mains, Paisley, Scotland, Aug. 20, 1912, from John Renfrew of that place to O. A. Renfrew of Newbury, gives some interesting particulars of this family: The Renfrews of this vicinity are a branch of a family of the name who from time immemorial have been blacksmiths at Camesthorn, which is about three miles s. e. of Paisley. There is a tradition in the family that they have been there since the 11th century, and that when Paisley Abbey was being built in the latter part of the 12th century, the mason's tools were brought to Camesthorn to be sharpened by the Renfrews. In addition to the smithy they had a small farm and held a public house license. The business of cartwright and blacksmith is still carried on there by Colin Renfrew. James Renfrew, ancestor of all of that name in this vicinity, had a brother William, b. 1760. Their father came to the farm of Blackstown Mains, which is about three miles n. w. of Paisley, about 1776. The farm is still carried on by grandsons of William Renfrew, another gr. son being manager of the farms of the Coats family, the celebrated thread makers of Paisley. A son of William, Alexander by name (b. 1830) is living at the date of this letter. The mother of James Esden of Barnet and the wife of Geo. Smith of Ryegate, were daus. of William Renfrew.

The name no doubt came from the town of Renfrew Place. Names of towns adopted for family names are quite common, such as Sterling, Dunbar, Houston. A small geography of the shire of Renfrew says: "As the tide rushes up the river Clyde it meets a projecting neck of land at the confluence of the river's Cart and Clyde. This promontory cleaves the flowing tide into two streams, one continues its course up the Clyde, the other pursues its way up the Cart. Such a neck of land is called a "rin" or "ren," and "frew," signifies a flow of the tide. The name of the town of Renfrew hence means "The tidal peninsular."

JAMES,¹ b. Paisley, Scotland, 1758; weaver by trade; came to Am. and Ryegate in 1804, having left Great Britain it is said, to escape conscription into the army during the wars of Napoleon. He bought of William Armour a farm of 60 acres of tillage and pasture in Groton, and of John Orr 20 acres of wood land in Ryegate. The buildings were in Groton. He m. Jan. 1788, Margaret Smith, (b. Paisley, 1761; d. Groton, Sept. 3, 1856.) James Renfrew was a member of an independent church in Scotland, but never joined any ch. in America. His wife became a member of the Associate ch. in 1804. He d. Oct. 8, 1819; bur. in Groton cem. The Renfrews of Groton, Ryegate and Newbury were a sterling family, men able and willing at any time to give good and sound reasons for whatever faith, political or religious which was held by them. John, Robert and James Renfrew were prominent in Newbury.

Children all born in Scotland.

- i. James,² b. Feb. 1784; m. Jean, dau. James Nelson (b. Ryegate, Feb. 3, 1790; d. Newbury, April 2, 1880.) He d. Sept. 30, 1870. (For family see Hist. of Newbury.)
- ii. John,² b. Feb. 14, 1788; m. 1st, 1810, Anna Bailey of Peacham. 2d, Jane [Caldwell] dau. Wm. Craig. They lived in R. till 1811, in Groton 9 yrs., then moved to Newbury. (For family see Hist. of N.) Rev. N. R. Johnston in "Looking Back from the Sunset Land," pays a fine tribute to John Renfrew. 6 ch. of whom Rev. Archibald (4) was was b. in R.
- iii. Margaret,² b. 1790; m. Archibald Park. q. v.
- 1 iv. William,² b. April 2, 1792.
- 2 v. Andrew,² b. 1794.
- vi. Robert,² b. 1800; lived in Newbury; m. Lois Roberts of Groton. (See Hist. of N.)
- 3 vii. Matthew,² b. 1802.
- 1 WILLIAM,² (James,¹) b. Paisley, April 2, 1792. Came to Am. with parents m. Jean, dau. James Esden (b. June 21, 1792; d. Jan. 21, 1878) and settled on her father's farm, where Frank McColl now lives. He d. Sept. 18, 1880.
Children all born in Ryegate.
- 5 i. James,³ b. Nov. 21, 1817.
- ii. Elizabeth,³ b. Dec. 23, 1821; m. Andrew Whitcher. 4 ch., of whom one, Chas. Whitcher,⁴ of Hardwick is living.
- iii. William,³ b. Nov. 22, 1823; m. 1st, Nancy Craig. 2d, Mary Willey. Ch. Clarence and Edwin.
- 6 iv. Matthew,³ b. Sept. 7, 1825.
- v. Janet,³ b. Sept. 8, 1828; d. May 23, 1907. m. Albert Hall, q. v.
- vi. Nelson,³ b. March 14, 1832; m. Helen Bruce. One dau. Helen C., (Mrs. Brown.)
- vii. Lois,³ b. Aug. 17, 1835; d. Feb. 23, 1902; m. John McColl, q. v.
- 2 ANDREW,² (James,¹) b. 1794; farmer on homestead. He m. by Rev. James Miligan, July 15, 1824, Elizabeth, dau. James Nelson (b. Sept. 19, 1797; d. Aug. 21, 1861.) He d. June 2, 1843; bur. in Groton cem. Members of United Pres. ch.
Children:
- i. James,³ b. Groton, Feb. 13, 1827. m. Amanda Clark of G.; lived in Boston, where he d. Aug. 23, 1886; bur. in Groton. One son, Charles, who m. Ethel Russell of Boston. Three chil.
- 7 ii. Archibald Park,³ b. April 6, 1829.
- iii. Margaret,³ b. Nov. 10, 1831; m. A. H. Park, q. v.
- 8 iv. Alexander,³ b. June 24, 1836.
- 3 MATTHEW,² (James,¹) b. Paisley, Scotland, Dec. 30, 1802; Came to America with parents; farmer, where his son Jefferson long lived, and built that house. He m. June 24, 1830, Sally Roberts (b. Groton, May 25, 1808; d. March 14, 1876.) He d. Aug. 20, 1865. Members of the Baptist ch. Groton.
Children,
- i. Stephen Roberts,³ b. Feb. 12, 1833; m. March 16, 1858, Meroe H., dau. Ara Welch of Groton. Rem. to Craftsbury; town representative, 1884. He d. June 4, 1887. Ch. (1) Flora A.,⁴ b. Dec. 30, 1858; m. Jan. 20, 1886, Warren Seaver of Craftsbury; d. July 5, 1899. (2) Clara A.,⁴ b. 1862; m. March 10, 1886 T. M. Gallagher of Craftsbury; town rep. 1896. She d. Feb. 1908. Ch. (1) Stephen Renfrew,⁵ [Gallagher]. (2) Dora Mae,⁵ [Gallagher],
- ii. Jefferson,³ b. April 28, 1836; farmer on homestead; Never m.; town representative 1880; deacon in the Baptist church at Groton. A short time before his death he gave the church a deed of a house which he owned, which had been used for several years as a parsonage. He contributed to the press and composed religious poems and verses for special occasions. A constant reader and close student, his information was very extensive. He d. June 24, 1908.



WILLIAM RENFREW.



JEAN ESDEN RENFREW.



JAMES RENFREW.

- 4 ARCHIBALD,³ (John,² James,¹) b. Ryegate, Jan. 27, 1812; attended Bradford and Peacham Acad's and studied with Rev. James Milligan. He m. 1835, Asenath, dau. David Corliss of Topsham. Became a Baptist, and ord. an evangelist in Topsham, where he was a farmer; in trade at So. Ryegate awhile then bought the Bruce farm in R. a short distance below McIndoes Falls. Supt. of schools ab. 1860; farming and preaching; rem to Ill., and later to Indiana; re-visited R. June—Oct., 1888 and d. at Remington, Ind., Dec. 20, 1888, soon after returning home. Was survived by his wife, two chil. and several gr. chil. He was an able and talented man of great usefulness.
- 5 JAMES,³ (William,² James,¹) b. Nov. 21, 1817; farmer, where his son now lives. He m. Feb. 1, 1844, Eliza, dau. Reuben Whitcher (b. April 2, 1816; d. Dec. 1, 1904.) They joined the Ref. Pres. ch. at So. Ryegate, June 21, 1851; chosen elder, Oct. 27, 1876. He d. April 10, 1895. He was accounted a valuable counsellor and a reliable officer in the church.
Children:
i. Martin Sutherland,⁴ b. July 1, 1845; d. April 22, 1850.
ii. Clarence Newel,⁴ b. Oct. 26, 1851; d. Sept. 5, 1872.
iii. Oscar Harley,⁴ b. Nov. 8, 1854; m. April, 4, 1877, Martha Agnes, dau. Robert and Isabel B. Nelson. Ch. (1) Isabel Eliza,⁵ b. June 20, 1878; d. June 30, 1880. (2) Clarence Raymond,⁵ b. Oct. 15, 1881; d. Oct. 30, 1881. (3) Ibbie Jean,⁵ b. Oct. 1, 1886; m. Alvah Swett. (4) James Robert,⁵ b. March 30, 1889.
- 6 MATTHEW,³ (Wm.,² James,¹) b. Ryegate, Sept. 3, 1825; m. Jan. 6, 1853, Meroa, dau. Sabin Clark of Groton. They lived in Ryegate, but rem. to Groton ab. 1868, where she d. Oct. 18, 1880, aged 47. He d. 1878.
Children;
i. Carlyle,⁴ b. Ryegate, April 20, 1854; went to California, 1877; ret. 1878; when his father d. In Cal. and Arizona, silver mining till 1882; ret. to Groton and m. Aug. 1, 1882, Susie, dau. Edward Keenan. Rem. to E. Montpelier, 1902; in hardware and grocery bus. at Plainfield, 2 yrs.. in trade at E. Calais, where he d. 1906. His wid. res. in Plainfield. Ch. Susie,⁵ who m. Earl Bartlett of P. Ch. Mary and Carl. Res. East Montpelier.
ii. Luella Jane,⁴ b. Ryegate, Aug. 29, 1855; m. July 3, 1878, Joseph E. Vance of Topsham; lived in Groton; d. March 1, 1898. No ch.
iii. Ida May,⁴ b. May 4, 1863; m. Yeaton D. Nelson, q. v.; d. March 16, 1892.
iv. Ulysses Grant,⁴ b. Ryegate, May 22, 1865; went west; d. in Cal. 1911.
v. Austin Converse,⁴ b. Groton, March 25, 1867; lived with his uncle John McColl; went to Cal. in gold mining; ret. to G. 1905 and m. Margaret, dau. Alexander Renfrew; in lumber bus. in Corinth; res. Bradford. Ch. (1) Roland Boynton,⁵ d. in inf. (2) Elizabeth Meroe.⁵ (3) Wilbert Alexander.⁵
vi. Emma Maria,⁴ b. Groton, Nov. 4, 1868; lived with her uncle and aunt in Boston; m. there 1894, Geo. B. Hildreth. No ch.
vii. Wilbert,⁴ b. Groton, July 16, 1870; lived with his gr. mother in Corinth, and at Wm. Cassidy's, who adopted him 1891. Bought out Wm. C.'s estate, 1896; rem. to So. Ryegate 1908. He m. 1906, Marion, dau. Edward Rhodes, No ch. Rem. to W. Brattleboro in 1910. In feed bus.
viii. John Clark,⁴ b. Groton, April 15, 1872; lived with his gr. mother in Corinth. At work in summer resorts 1894-'01; in partnership with A. M. Heath of Groton 1 yr. In 1903 went west, mining in Idaho and California in company with his bro. Wilbert. Ret. 1906; in partnership in feed bus. with his bro. Austin; m. Sept. 21, 1910, Clara Hatch.
ix. Lillian Belle,⁴ b. Groton, Aug. 26, 1875; lived with Jefferson Hall; m. July 8, 1898, Harry Brown. No ch.
Two other chil. d. in inf.

- 7 ARCHIBALD PARK,⁴ (Andrew,² James,¹) b. April 6, 1829; merchant in Groton; Rem. to Peacham, 1889, when he d. May 11, 1894. He m. 1st. Ann, dau. Ara Welch (b. Jan. 14, 1837; d. April 21, 1862). 2d, Oct. 6, 1864, Eliza J. Welch, sister of 1st wife (b. March 13, 1843; d. Peacham, July 9, 1910.) Members of Baptist ch. in Groton and are buried there.

Children:

- i. Andrew Franklin,⁴ b. Oct. 27, 1860; res. Manchester, N. H.; bookkeeper. He m. June 7, 1897, Emma Gertrude Larkin of Nova Scotia (b. 1861; d. Dec. 24, 1898.) Ch. Alice Gertrude,⁵ b. Dec. 6, 1898.

By 2d m. all born in Groton.

- ii. Anna E.,⁴ b. July 1, 1865; res. Peacham; town clerk of P. 11 yrs., and postmistress since 1897.
 iii. Leonard W.,⁴ b. Sept. 25, 1867; in mercantile bus. in New York City. He m. Dec. 31, 1891, Alice M. Tarbett of Stoneham, Mass. Ch. Franklin Ward,⁵ b. Nov. 23, 1892.
 iv. Crissia Blanche,⁴ b. Dec. 25, 1877; teacher.
 v. Harlan A.,⁴ b. March 8, 1880; res. Peacham, where he is town clerk and treasurer.

- 8 ALEXANDER,³ (Andrew,² James,¹) b. June 24, 1836; farmer, and elder in 1st Pres. ch. He m. March 17, 1864, Jane Elizabeth, dau. James Shaw, b. Barnet, April 21, 1840.

Children:

- i. Lewis,⁴ b. Dec. 18, 1864.
 ii. Lizzie Jane,⁴ b. Aug. 20, 1866; d. May 5, 1891.
 iii. James Burton,⁴ b. Oct. 20, 1868; m. Gertrude B. Farrar. Ch. Erma Evaline.⁵
 iv. Walter Abbott,⁴ b. July 7, 1871; m. Blanche, dau. C. M. Wallace. Ch. (1) Wallace A.⁵ (2) Walter B.⁵
 v. Edwin Brock,⁴ b. Oct. 28, 1873; m. Mabel J., dau. Wm. N. Gibson.
 vi. Roscoe Alexander,⁴ b. Dec. 8, 1876.
 vii. Margaret Bell,⁴ b. Nov. 17, 1878; m. Austin C. Renfrew, q. v.
 viii. Eugene Ernest,⁴ b. Sept. 1, 1889.

RHODES.

EDWARD,¹ Rhodes m. Betsey, dau. Jonathan Baldwin of Topsham (b. Oct. 11, 1799; d. Oct. 8, 1872.) He d. ab. 1867.

GEORGE,² son of Edward,¹ (b. Groton, 1819; m. by Rev. S. R. Thrall, June 11, 1845, Helen H., dau. Wells Goodwin (b. R. Oct. 19, 1821; d. Newbury Dec. 30, 1891.) He d. Oct. 17, 1882, a few hours after his son, Edward G. Farmer and shoemaker. Members of United Pres. ch.

Children all born in Ryegate.

- i. Martha,³ b. Dec. 26, 1846; d. Sept. 2, 1872; m. Robert G. Brock, q. v.
 ii. Emily Annette,³ b. May 2, 1848; m. David Brock, q. v.
 iii. Edward George,³ b. April 5, 1851; lived at Ryegate Corner. He m. 1873, Agnes, dau. James Esden of Barnet (b. Jan. 1, 1845; d. Oct. 10, 1897.) He d. Oct. 17, 1882. Ch. (1) Hattie M.,⁴ m. Wilbert Renfrew, q. v. (2) Jennie M.,⁴ m. James C. Gibson, q. v.
 iv. Frank Wells,³ b. Aug. 19, 1855. In Cal. 24 yrs; m. Mary V. Campbell. Ch. Gilbert Frank,⁴ b. Dec. 25, 1897.
 v. John Jason,³ b. Oct. 18, 1857; pattern maker for E. and T. Fairbanks and Co., 28 years; res. St. Johnsbury. He m. Aug. 12, 1884, Emma J., dau. Jackson P. Miller. Members of No. Cong. ch. He d. Jan. 7, 1911. Ch. Della Caroline,⁴ b. Oct. 19, 1886; bookkeeper in telephone office; m. Mar. 26, 1912, Harry W. Chamberlin of Montpelier.
 vi. Carrie Bell,³ b. Dec. 5, 1859; m. 1st, Robert Wilson of St. J. (deceased.) Ch. Mabel H.,⁴ b. Sept. 28, 1890. 2nd, Dr W. L. Paine.
 vii. Hattie Owen,⁵ b. Jan. 4, 1863; d. Oct. 21, 1869.

RICKER.

MATURIN and GEORGE Ricker came from England ab. 1670, and were both killed by the Indians, June 4, 1706. Joseph, son of Maturin, m. Elizabeth Garland of Berwick, Me. Joshua, their son, b. at Berwick, April 9, 1737, O. S.; m. June 28, 1756, Betsey Drew. They came to Newbury before 1765, and were members of the Cong. ch.; rem. to Bath, N. H., where she d. Nov. 12, 1811, and he d. March 5, 1818. They are bur. in the Carbee cemetery. Twelve chil. of whom Mary, b. 1772, m. 1st, Martin Chamberlin of Bath and 2d, Ezekiel Manchester of Ryegate, q. v.

JOSEPH,¹ son of Joshua, b. Bath, Feb. 13, 1765; lived in Newbury on a farm still called the "Ricker place," about two miles w. from Wells River; buildings all gone. He m. 1st, in Newbury by Rev. Nathaniel Lambert, Polly, dau. Sylvanus Heath (b. Newbury, Dec. 25, 1769; killed by a team in Bath, Jan. 21, 1821.) They had 13 chil., all b. in N. He m. 2d, in Peacham and after some yrs., rem. to Groton, where he d. Jan. 21, 1851. Nineteen chil. in all. (See History of Newbury.)

ORSON,² (Joseph,¹) the 9th ch. in the family; b. Newbury, Nov. 18, 1806; m. Dec. 6, 1829, by Rev. James Milligan, Lydia, dau. William Taisey,* who came from Scotland. They lived in Groton on the farm now owned by their son Charles A. The present house was built by Orson Ricker to replace the former house, which was burned, and all the chil. except the eldest, were b. in the present house. He lived to be 82 and his wife 91. Their chil. were all physically strong, energetic and prosperous. He d. 1887.

Children:

- i. Mary E.,³ b. Nov. 1, 1830; m. 1st, William, s. of Capt. David Vance. 2d, George Melville. In the late 50's they moved to, and settled in Money Creek Valley, Minn.
 - ii. William,³ b. April 17, 1832; m. Lodena Taisey; res. Woodsville, N. H.
 - iii. Everett D.,³ b. Sept. 23, 1833; enlisted in Co. D, 3d Vt., in autumn of 1861, and d. of typhoid fever in the spring of 1862.
 - iv. Frank,³ b. May 17, 1835; m. Marcia Dascomb of Indianapolis. On a voyage from San Francisco to New York the ship was wrecked off Cape Hatteras. She with the captain's wife and others taking a small boat for the shore, and when near it the boat overturned and she was killed, her neck being broken, the only one lost from the boat. He m. a 2d w. who survived him, and res. at Woodsville, N. H.
 - v. Alfred,³ b. Aug. 28, 1837; d. 1842.
 - vi. Isaac M.,³ b. April 10, 1839; served in Co. H, 12th Vt., in the Civil war. He m. Mary J. Taisey, sister of the wife of his bro. William who survived him. He d. Groton, 1911.
 - vii. Ira,³ b. Feb. 2, 1841; d. 1842.
 - viii. Rose M.,³ b. Nov. 10, 1842; m. Oscar Beckwith who d. at West Fairlee, 1866.
 - ix. Benjamin Ricker,³ b. Oct. 28, 1844; d. April, 1912; m. Helen Plummer, who survives him and res. in Groton.
 - x. Nathan H.,³ b. Oct. 10, 1846.
 - xi. Ella F., b. Dec. 6, 1848; m. Moses Whitehill; res. Groton.
 - xii. Harvey,³ b. April 12, 1851; m. 1st, Katie, dau. Reuben Bruce of Barnet. 2d, a lady from Minneapolis, where they reside.
 - xiii. Charles A.,³ farmer on the homestead in Groton. He m. Charlotte Vance.
- 1 NATHAN H.,³ (Orson,² Joseph,¹) b. Oct 10, 1846; rem. to Ryegate; rented the William Gray farm 3 yrs. then bought the original William Nelson farm, then somewhat run down, cutting from 40 acres only 35 loads

* NOTE. The original spelling of this name was Tassie, and is so spelled by William Taisey several times among the Whitelaw papers. He lived in Ryegate for some years. Gen. Whitelaw spelled the name Tassej.

of rather poor quality. This farm he improved and in the last year of his residence on it cut 116 loads of 1st quality besides a fine growth of 2d cutting, measuring in all 130 tons. He made a specialty of dairy farming, using Jersey cows, making butter at the farm, and by repeated experiments greatly increased the amount of butter produced from each cow. This farm he sold in 1908, removing to Wells River. Town treasurer 6 yrs. before removal from town. He m. 1st. Mar 20, 1875, Carrie, dau. Wm. Henderson (b. Nov. 11, 1848; d. Nov. 3, 1880.) 2d, Feb. 14, 1884, Margaret, dau. David Lumsden, who d. July 24, 1906. 3d, Dec. 30, 1909, Miss Nellie J. Rollins, who had been a school teacher at New Britain, Conn., for 23 yrs.

Children, all born in Ryegate.

By 1st marriage.

- 2 i. William Gray,⁴ b. May 23, 1876.
- ii. A daughter,⁴ b. May 30, 1878; lived 27 days.

By 2d marriage.

- iii. Lillias Carrie,⁴ b. April 8, 1885; grad. St. Johnsbury Acad. 1903; Girl's Latin School, Baltimore, Md., March, 1904; entered Smith Coll., but ret. in 1906 to care for her mother; now teaching.

- 2 WILLIAM GRAY,⁴ (N. H.,³ Orson,² Joseph,¹) b. May 23, 1876; grad. St. Johnsbury Acad., 1896; Yale Univ., 1900, taking honors in a class of 400; grad. from the medical department of the Johns Hopkins Univ., Baltimore, Md., 1904, and from the Montreal General Hospital, 1905; during two summer vacations he did autopsies and laboratory work at the Montreal hospital, so having nearly two years there; in practice at Wells River, Aug. 1, 1905–Oct. 1, 1911, when he located at St. Johnsbury, as a specialist. He m. Dec. 21, 1905, Mary S., dau. Rev. James M. Beattie of Ryegate.

Children all born at Wells River.

- i. Margaret H.,⁴ b. Dec. 19, 1906.
- ii. Nathan H.,⁴ b. April 28, 1908.
- iii. Elizabeth,⁴ b. Oct. 16, 1900.

RITCHIE.

In the cemetery at Ryegate Corner is a granite tombstone of large size lying flat upon the ground, covered by the following inscription:

*Here Lies the
body of John Ritchie
late of this
Town he depart-
ed this life January
1800 aged 75 years
he was born in the
Parish of Roseneath
Scotland of respect-
able parents lived
in this place 16 years
and always maintain-
ed a good character.
"Memeto mori."*

He was born in the parish of Roseneath, Scotland, 1724; blacksmith at Erskine, where he m. ab. 1735, Isabel, dau. James Neilson (see Neilson families of Erskine, in this vol.) Member of the Scotch Co., and one of the 1st managers. Came to Ryegate when 60 yrs. old their church certificate being dated at Erskine, May 2, 1784, and bought the land which after his death became the farm of Rev. Wm. Gibson. In the

grand list of 1796 he was the owner of 210 acres and quite an amount of personal property. He d. Jan. 1800, and she lived in the family of Capt. John Gray till her death. (See Cochran Family.)

ARCHIBALD,¹ b. Rosenearth, Dunbartonshire, Aug. 7, 1797. His father moved to Kilmalcolm about 1811 and the son m. 1st, Elizabeth, dau. Archibald Leitch (b. May 15, 1801.) Farmer leasing from a landlord, or purchasing from a tenant a "tack" of 19 yrs. Being a Covenanter he refused to take part in an election to Parliament; near the close of his lease his landlord, who was a candidate for the House of Commons and needed every vote his tenants had, came to him. He used to tell the story of his eviction in this wise. "Duchal cam' to see me; I was i' the byre. He telt me 'wud I vot' for 'm?' I telt 'm 'I wudna.' vot'." He telt me, 'Leave my lan's,' and that was the best turn Duchal e'er did me." It was that circumstance which induced him to come to America. His wife was very much opposed to coming, although her parents and brothers and sisters were already here. She often said, "I shall never see America," and the presentment proved true, forshed. May 26, 1844, and was buried at sea. He bought in 1844, the Capt. John Miller farm at South Ryegate, which is partly in Newbury. He m. 2d, Oct. 17, 1849, Agnes, dau. James Lumsden (b. Sept. 16, 1807; d. Jan. 4, 1894.) He d. Mar. 23, 1886; bur. at So. Ryegate. The mother of Archibald Ritchie was Mary Hall. She had a nephew, Donald Hall, who m. a dau. of Robert Vance of Barnet, and lived in Newbury, 1857-'80; they rem. to Barnet, and are dead, also their son Henry and his wife, who are all bur. at Barnet Centre. Mr. Ritchie was a member of the Covenanter ch. ab. 70 yrs., and never missed a communion till the fall before he died. From 1844 to July, 1862, he went to church half the time at the Walter Harvey meeting house in Barnet and half the time at Ryegate Corner, as the services alternated between the places and from July 1862 to Oct. 1885, to Ryegate alone. Mr. Miller estimates that he went to Barnet 600 times (16 miles the round trip) 9600 miles, and to the Corner 1250 times (6½ miles the round trip) 8125 miles, making in all about 18,000 miles of church travel, much of the time on foot, to hear what was to him sound doctrine. Elected elder. Jan. 15, 1854.

Children all born Kilmalcolm, Scotland.

- 1 i. Duncan,² b. April 17, 1825.
- 2 ii. William,² b. Nov. 17, 1826.
- iii. Mary,² b. March 15, 1829; d. in Scotland, 1842.
- iv. Margaret,² b. Oct. 29, 1830; m. Duncan Stewart, q. v.
- v. Elizabeth,² b. Sept. 1, 1832; m. John Johnston, q. v.
- vi. Jane,² b. Aug. 7, 1834; m. William Bone, q. v.
- 1 DUNCAN,² (Archibald,¹) b. April 17, 1826; m. April 1, 1852, Ann, dau. Andrew Wylie; settled on the John Randall farm in Newbury; Covenanter and Session Clerk. He d. suddenly, June 20, 1900. She d. Sept. 8, 1911.

Children:

- i. Elizabeth Ann,³ b. Sept. 27, 1852; d. Oct. 8, 1867.
- ii. Andrew Fremont,³ b. May 13, 1856; d. N. Y. City, July 24, 1883; bur. So. R.
- iii. Archibald,³ b. May 8, 1859; d. Oct. 5, 1869.
- iv. Lilly Cole,³ b. Dec. 15, 1861; d. Oct. 3, 1869.
- 2 WILLIAM,² (Archibald,¹) b. Nov. 17, 1826; m. 1863, Lucena, dau. Hiram and Hannah (Boylington) Moore, who d. Jan. 26, 1873. He d. Topsham, Feb. 22, 1902; bur. in Holland, Vt.

Children all born in Derby, Vt.

- i. Jane Belle,³ b. April 3, 1863; m. George L. Hall of Topsham, q. v.
- ii. John Brown,³ b. Dec. 25, 1864.
- iii. Lizzie May,³ b. July 25, 1866; d. in inf.
- iv. Mary Emma,³ b. Jan. 11, 1868; d. in inf.

- v. Hiram William,³ b. Feb. 3, 1869; enlisted in Co. E., 9th U. S. Inf., in the Spanish-American war and was sent to the Philipines and later to China. After their return to the island of Samar two companies were surprised by the natives, and massacred while asleep, only 12 escaping alive, Oct. 16, 1901, Bur. in Cypress Hill, Nat. Cem., Brookly, N. Y. Grave No. 6205.
- vi. Edith Hannah,³ b. March 13, 1871.
- iv. Joseph Bates,³ b. Jan. 1873; lived with his uncle Duncan since infancy, and still remains on the farm now owned by Tait M. Ritchie.

RITCHIE.

JAMES,¹ b. Mauchlin, Scotland, March, 1811; m. Mary Young (b. April, 1818.) Two weeks after marriage they left for America, were five weeks on the voyage to New York, came by boat to Burlington, walked to Greensboro, arriving in May, 1841. Res. on same farm till death. Their son, Andrew C.,² b. Greensboro, July 21, 1850; ed. Morrisville and Peacham Acad's; teacher at W. Barnet; in lumber bus. there three yrs.; merchant there, taking after some years, A. D. Warden, as partner. Supt. of Schools and school director. Director in Citizen's Savings Bank and Trust Co., St. Johnsbury. He m. Mar. 19, 1874, Sarah J., dau. Harvey Warden (b. W. Barnet, Nov. 6, 1851; ed. Peacham Acad.; teacher.)

Children all born West Barnet.

- i. Emma Gibson,³ b. Jan. 23, 1875; ed. St. Johnsbury Acad.; grad. Wellesley Coll., 1897; m. Seldon C. Smith of Cabot, a graduate of Dartmouth Coll., member of the firm of Ginn & Co., of Boston, publishers of school books, having charge of their work west of the Rocky Mountains; res. Berkeley, Cal. Ch. (1) Margaret Wyman,⁴ [Smith] b. June 3, 1900. (2) Ritchie C.,⁴ [Smith] b. Aug. 31, 1904. (3) Shirley R.,⁴ [Smith] b. Sept. 16, 1908.
- ii. James John,³ b. Feb. 12, 1884; fitted for college at St. J. Acad.; grad. Dartmouth Coll., 1906; in business with his father at W. Barnet.
- iii. Margaret Edith,³ b. July 11, 1890; ed. St. Johnsbury Acad.; m. Jan. 15, 1912, Warren L. Estabrooks of St. J.

ROBEN.

In the parish of New Kilpatrick, Renfrewshire, Scotland, upon the entailed estate of Gascowin, about the year 1425, a farmer by name of Roben took a lease of one of the farms on the estate called the "Three Part Farm," together with a mill for making oat meal, which was called the "Three Part Mill." The lease of the farm and mill was inherited by the oldest son of the Robens. About 1740 the lease fell to Walter Roben, who at that time occupied a farm in the parish of Calder by the name of Robraston. He with his oldest son, Matthew, moved upon Three Part Farm, where Walter died in 1774, aged 65 years. Walter Roben m. Isabel Gardner, a very proud and intelligent woman whose mother's maiden name was Katharine Buchanan. She was a sister to the father of Hugh Gardner, who settled in Ryegate. He d. Dec. 21, 1774, and she Aug. 28, 1769, and were buried in New Kilpatrick burying ground.

Children not in regular order.

- I. MATTHEW, of whom later.
- II. WILLIAM, m. Margaret Park.
- III. WALTER, m. Stewart.
- IV. MARGARET, m. George Brice.
- V. KATHERINE, m. Walter McClay.
- VI. JEAN, m. Robert Harvey.
- VII. ISABEL, m. Walter Lindsay.
- VIII. ELIZABETH, m. John McIntire.

The five daughters of Walter Roben lived and died near Glasgow, but descendants of most of them are found in most of the United States.

WILLIAM, the 2d son of Matthew Roben of Scotland, m. Margaret Park and settled in Renfrew. Their sons were;

- i. Matthew, who went into business in Glasgow where he became very wealthy and left a son and a dau. He was provost of Glasgow in 1858.
- ii. William, came to America and settled on Long Island and reared a large family. On a visit to Scotland, he was drowned on the Clyde together with two sons of his bro, Robert.
- iii. Peter, never m. In business in Glasgow, and became wealthy.
- iv. George, came to Wisconsin with wife and 5 chil. about 1850. His wife and three chil. d. and he ret. to Glasgow; m. again in 1858, and d. 1888 very rich.
- v. Robert, came to Ryegate while young, but went into the liquor business in New York City, and 15 yrs. later sold and returned to Glasgow and was extensively engaged in business and became immensely wealthy. He retired about 1860, built a fine residence at Port Glasgow and d. 1875, leaving a wife and several chil.
- vi. Walter, went to Australia about 1855, but ret. to Glasgow and d. there.
- vii. Walter, son of Walter of Scotland, came to New York about 1805, and remained there leaving a son who was very promising but became insane, and a dau. Mary who d. un-m.

MATTHEW,¹ son of Walter of Scotland, fell heir to the lease and took possession, but gave up the lease in a short time owing to some trouble between him and his landlord, the Earl of Goscawin, a man of quarrelsome and pugilistic temperament. He provoked Roben to a personal encounter, but the latter, being a large and powerful man, was much more than his match. The lease had been held for nineteen terms of nineteen yrs. each. He leased a farm in the parish of Yocker, called the Yocker Mains, which he held till 1801. His wife d. June 29, 1793, and was bur. in New Kilpatrick bur. ground. Her name was Jean Harvey, and she was nearly related to Col. Alexander Harvey who settled in Barnet. Soon after her death he lost most of his property through having become surety for his brother William and decided to come to America and settle upon his claim in Ryegate, both his father and himself having been members of the Scots American Co. On March 6, 1800, he received from David Allan, president of the Co., an order which entitled him to three lots of land in Ryegate. With his children he embarked on the ship Phoenix April 7th, and anchored at quarantine in New York harbor, May 21st, 1801. With them came James Wallace and family, and Robert Fulton who settled in Newbury, the Allans, Andrew Buchanan and Jean Arbuckle who settled in Ryegate. They came to Ryegate June 29, 1801. The land which was deeded to him had been devastated by a tornado in 1800. This farm was later owned by his son Walter and now by several owners. They were not used to the laborious work of a pioneer, and it was very hard for them, but he never carried out his desire to return to Scotland. He d. April 7, 1809; bur. at Ryegate Corner. In his youth he became intimately acquainted with Robert Burns through his visits to the Masonic Lodge in Glasgow of which Matthew Roben was a member. The 3d generation (grandchildren) of Matthew and Jean Roben numbered 135 persons, of whom 92 were b. in Ryegate, and 63 in Newbury, Barnet, New York City, Ohio, Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska.

Children all born in Scotland,

- i. Jean,² b. May 19, 1785; d. Jan. 18, 1862; m. Andrew Buchanan, q. v.
- 2 ii. Walter,² b. Jan. 1, 1787.
- iii. Isabel,² b. July 17, 1788; d. at 3 yrs. of age.
- 3 v. John² b. Oct. 1, 1790.
- vi. Isabel,² b. Feb. 3, 1793; m. William Gray, q. v.

- 2 WALTER,² (Matthew,¹) b. Scotland, Yocker, 1787; came to America with his father; lived and d. on homestead; m. Jan. 3. 1811 by Rev. Wm. Gibson, Mary (called Polly) dau. James Thomas b. Rye, N. H., 1792. In 1817, in company with John Craig and Jonathan Darling he started on foot to visit and explore what was called the "French Grant in Ohio," traveling to Pittsburg, Penn., thence down the Ohio to the Sciota and across the state to Cleveland which then contained about 30 houses. He returned through the Mohawk Valley to Troy, Saratoga, Whitehall and Rutland. He walked from Rutland to his home in Ryegate between sunrise and sunset of the same day about Aug. 25. It is believed that he traveled on foot between 1600 and 1800 miles, through a country then only sparsely settled, but now one of the richest and most densely populated sections of the Union. He kept a diary, an interesting fragment of which is now owned by Douglas G. Roben. Constable and collector of taxes, 1821-'29, being a resolute and efficient officer. In 1838 he met with a severe accident while with many others felling timber for Daniel McDonald. Dr. McNab decided that it was necessary to amputate his leg to save his life, but Roben refused to have it taken off declaring that he was going into his coffin all in one piece. And he did so 39 years later. Five weeks after his accident his friends made a sort of litter on which they carried him to his home, a distance of nine miles, the bearers relieving each other at intervals. He d. Aug. 13, 1867 and his excellent wife Jan. 20, 1877. Bur. at Ryegate Corner. In his religious views a Deist.

Children:

- i. Jean Harvey,³ b. Oct. 16, 1812; m. John Park, q. v.
- 4 ii. Matthew,³ b. Sept. 1, 1814.
- iii. Margaret,³ b. Oct. 17, 1816; m. Archibald Park, q. v.
- 5 iv. Walter,³ b. Sept. 26, 1818.
- v. Polly,³ b. June 10, 1821, never m. Res. in Barre, Vt.
- vi. James,³ b. May 31, 1823; d. Aug. 10, 1891.
- vii. John,³ b. Dec. 27, 1824; d. April 7, 1864; never m.
- 6 viii. Moses,³ b. April 30, 1827.
- 7 ix. Douglas Gray,³ b. March 7, 1833.

- 3 JOHN,² (Matthew,¹) b. Scotland, Oct. 1, 1790; went to New York City and engaged in business, helped by his uncle Walter, and was very successful, but being induced to invest his money in a stage route through the city, lost nearly all he had. He m. Margaret and d. in New York, 1853 and his wife Sept. 10, 1860. Both buried in Greenwood cemetery.

Children:

- Margaret,³ John,³ George,³ Matthew,³ and Walter.³ Margaret m. Mr. Kipp; 4 daus., 1 son. George became a lawyer, and went with his brother Matthew in 1849 to San Francisco. No further record. John and Walter lived and died in New York.
- 4 MATTHEW,³ (Walter,² Matthew,¹) b. Ryegate, Sept. 1, 1814; student at Newbury Seminary its opening term, the fall of 1834. Went to Ohio, 1835, with Donald, son of Judge Cameron. Teaching, farming, and in trade at West Point, O.; County Recorder of Morrow Co.; County examiner of schools 10 yrs.; ret. to Ryegate on account of ill health, 1865; in trade at Big Rapids, Mich., 1867 till retired, 1881. Encampment mem. I. O. O. F., and a Royal Arch Mason. He m. 1840, Esther Allbaugh (b. Northumberland Co., Pa., 1819; d. Big Rapids, Jan. 14, 1904.) He d. at Big Rapids, April 1, 1894.

Children:

- i. Araminta,⁴ who d. Mt. Gilead, O., 1854.
- ii. Isabel,⁴ who m. Oct. 24, 1882, Washington Miller, contractor and builder, a veteran of the civil war. Res. Big Rapids, Mich. Ch. Esther,⁵ b. Feb. 24, 1885; grad. Reed City High School, and of the Kindergarten Teacher's Dept. of Ferris Ins. She m. Sept. 18, 1907, Warner McSween, pharmacist; res. Big Rapids.



WALTER ROBEN.



MATTHEW ROBEN.



LIEUT. DOUGLAS ROBEN.



WALTER ROBEN, JR.



DOUGLAS ROBEN.

iii. Matthew,⁴ who d. Mt. Gilead, O., 1855.

iv. Douglas,⁴ b. May 4, 1847, Morrow Co., Ohio. App. Sept. 1862, a cadet in the U. S. Naval Acad. In June, 1863, he was sent with other cadets to the coast of Europe in the U. S. S. Macedonia to join in the pursuit of the Alabama, and intercept rebel cruisers, in which they were engaged till Oct. 1st. Grad. with honors from the Naval Acad., Annapolis, June 12, 1866, with a particularly good record in mathematics. While serving on the U. S. S. Ossipee he took part Oct. 1867 in the ceremonies at Sitka by which Alaska was transferred from Russia to the United States, and his name appears as a witness on the protocol of treaty delivered to the Russian commissioners. Served in the navy many years and promoted to the grade of ensign, master and lieutenant. His service was performed on the North and South Pacific, the Mediterranean and the Atlantic. Placed on the retired list and located at Big Rapids, Mich., and prominent in real estate business and is also an attorney at law. In 1898, at the outbreak of the Spanish war, he offered his services and was made executive officer of the U. S. R. S. Richmond, at League Island, holding that position till the end of the war. Promoted on the retired list to the rank of Lieutenant-commander. Res. Big Rapids. Member of Pres. ch. and of the Church Session for 20 yrs. He m. Dec. 26, 1876, Stella, dau. Judge Wm. P. Bennett of Cassopolis, Mich., (b. Nov. 30, 1859.) They are prominent in the social, educational and religious life of Big Rapids.

Children:

1. Donald B.,⁵ b. July 19, 1878; grad. Big Rapids H. S., and the Engineering Dept. of the Univ. of Mich. Civil engineer at Tacoma, Wash. He m. Oct. 1900, Gertrude Cook of Big Rapids. Ch. (a) Howard R.,⁶ b. Feb. 7, 1904.
 2. Pansy,⁵ b. May 14, 1882; d. March 26, 1883.
 3. Blanche,⁵ b. Oct. 3, 1884. College course at Alma, Mich., and Wells College Aurora, N. Y. Was m. Oct. 3, 1906 to Geo. L. Stone, paying teller of Citizens State Bank, Big Rapids. Ch. (a) Helen,⁶ b. Nov. 11, 1907.
 4. Douglas B.,⁵ b. Sept. 20, 1891; app. by Senator Burrows to the U. S. Naval Acad., passed ex. and entered the Acad. as midshipman, May 10, 1910.
 - v. Celeste,⁴ Artist; res. Grand Rapids, Mich.
 - vi. Anna,⁴ Artist; res. Big Rapids, Mich.
 - vii. Mary,⁴ m. Sept. 2, 1878, Allan W. Bennett; attorney at law., grad. of Law Dept., Univ. of Mich. Res. Big Rapids. Ch. (1) Alton R.,⁵ b. Feb. 4, 1882; d. Dec. 12, 1897. (2) Nellie,⁵ b. June 13, 1885; d. Oct. 24, 1886. (3) May,⁵ b. Sept. 15, 1887; grad. Univ. of Mich. 1909.
- 5 WALTER,³ (Walter,² Matthew,¹) b. Sept. 26, 1818, Worked one season for Charles Scott, rafting on the river to Hartford, with Andrew Coruth. They worked their way on the canal to Buffalo and to Ohio in 1840. Lumbering, teaching and farming. Settled near Decatur, Ill.; finally in DeWitt Co. He m. April 10, 1849, Betsey H. Smallwood of Decatur, Ill., a former pupil. She d. March 19, 1899; he d. June 5, 1901; bur. in Rose Cem., near Lane, Dewitt Co.

Children:

- i. Douglas N.,⁴ b. Jan. 26, 1850; d. Jan. 1860.
 - ii. Mary D.,⁴ b. Aug. 22, 1854; m. Oct. 26, 1875, Wilson S. Conn; they rem. to Sumner Co. Kan., where he d. Jan. 12, 1892, and she d. Dec. 12, 1907. Ch. Two sons dead, 1 dau. living.
 - iii. Maggie C.,⁴ b. June 27, 1862; m. Nov. 7, 1883. 4 sons, 5 daus., all living.
- 6 MOSES,³ (Walter,² Matthew,¹) b. April 30, 1827; went to Ohio, 1846; enlisted in the Mexican war; the reg. was sent through Missouri and Kansas, then a wilderness. They were much molested by the Indians.

Was in the battle of Chihuahua. After the war he went to St. Louis, visiting Ryegate in 1853; ret. to Ill., thence to Ft. Calhoun, Neb. Enlisted, 1861, in a Co. of cavalry, which lost 83 men out of 97 at the battle of Pea Ridge; trans. to 5th Iowa Cav. In an attack on the Confederate works at Atlanta, only 60 men of the 500 returned. The reg. was surrounded, and only the 60 men fought their way out. Roben made his way alone 122 miles to Cartersville, several times narrowly escaping capture. He m. July 3, 1850, Elizabeth Brownlee of Camden, Ill.; d. Council Bluffs, Iowa, Nov. 28, 1906; bur. with military honors.

Children:

- i. Rosilla J.,⁴ b. Dec. 8, 1853, Camden, Ill.; m. Dec. 29, 1872, Prenaldo R. Nichols of Redfield, Iowa; farmer.

Children:

1. Curtis L.,⁵ b. March 17, 1875; m. Jan. 24, 1904, Inez C. Marden of Des Moines, Ia. Ch. Charles J.⁶
2. Ray W.,⁵ b. March 14, 1878; m. April 4, 1906, Florence M. Hall at Atlanta, Ia.
3. Ernest P.,⁵ b. July 29, 1882; m. Sept. 3, 1906, Nellie B. Forewell at Greenfield, Ia.
4. C. Ruth,⁵ b. May 16, 1892.
5. Louise E.,⁵ b. Oct. 29, 1894.
- ii. Isabella,⁴ b. Sept. 26, 1858, at Fort Calhoun, Neb.; d. July 13, 1880; un-m.
- iii. Luella,⁴ b. April 6, 1860, at Ft. Colhoun; m. John Reighard of Stuart, Iowa.
- iv. David,⁴ b. June 26, 1866, Camden, Ill.
- 7 DOUGLASS GRAY,³ (Walter,² Matthew,¹) b. March 7, 1833; went to Ohio, 1850; clerk there in his brother's store; clerk 6 yrs. in store of Archibald Park. N. Y. City; ret. to homestead to care for parents; visited Scotland, 1858. He m. Paterson, N. J., Dec. 28, 1859, Margaret, dau. George and Margaret (Shedden) Montgomery, b. Dalmner, Renfrewshire, Scot., whom he met on the steamer returning from Scotland. Lived on homestead till death of parents; in South Ryegate till 1887; since in Barre and South Barre, in farming. Became a Mason in 1854. Mr. Roben has collected with great care most of the Roben records in this volume, and some of those of kindred families.

Children:

- i. Walter Montgomery,⁴ b. Dec. 8, 1860; d. April 26, 1871.
- ii. Nellie Jane,⁴ b. June 4, 1862; teacher in Vt. and Ill. Res. Guthrie, Okla.
- iii. Margaret Ann,⁴ b. Nov. 25, 1864; m. March 14, 1884, Frank Bly of Danvers, Mass. She d. Nov. 10, 1884; Ch. Warren Porter Bly,⁵ b. 1884, now in B. & M. R. R. office, Boston.
- iv. George Henry,⁴ b. June 14, 1866; in granite business at So. R; m. Sept. 15, 1889, Margaret J., dau. of Dr. John B. Darling of So. Ryegate (b. Feb. 23, 1869.) Ch. (1) Walter Brock,⁵ b. Oct. 2, 1897. (2) George Douglass,⁵ b. July 13, 1905.
- v. Jessie Belle,⁴ b. Dec. 1, 1869; d. Barre, Vt., Nov. 12, 1911; m. June 24, 1889, Thomas Sherriffs of Aberdeen, Scotland.

Children:

1. Douglass M.,⁵ b. March 24, 1890; d. March 29, 1891.
2. Margarite C.,⁵ b. Aug. 15, 1891. At school in Barre, Vt.
3. Jane Reid,⁵ b. June 10, 1893; in Barre, Vt.
4. Evaline Roben,⁵ b. Sept. 10, 1897; d. Sept. 13, 1900.
- vi. Douglass Chapin,⁴ b. Feb. 24, 1872; m. Nellie Sloan of Montpelier, Vt. Farmer in Barre, Vt.
- vii. Lillie May,⁴ b. Oct. 2, 1875; d. Dec. 8, 1882.
- viii. Matthew Roben,⁴ b. April 18, 1879; res. Barre Vt.
- ix. Maud,⁴ b. Nov. 4, 1883; grad. Goddard Seminary, Barre, Vt., 1904; teacher at Ashland, N. H., where she d. Nov. 30, 1904.

- x. Mabel,⁴ (twin to above) grad. Goddard Sem., 1903; m. May 10, 1907¹ James Finley Williams of Columbus, O. Res. Rochester, N. Y. He is one of the head salesmen of the Pittsburgh Steel Co. Ch. (1) Douglass Finney,⁵ b. April 21, 1908. (1) Richard Wesley,⁵ b. R. June 29, 1912.

RONALDS.

GEORGE,¹ b. Scotland, 1759. According to Mr. Miller and Mr. Mason he came to America and Ryegate in 1786, in company with Robert Brock, Sr., and family. But by the recollection of his dau., Marion Ronalds Reid, he came about 1774, and that Gen. Whitelaw was his guardian, with whom he lived several years. He ran the grist mill at Boltonville for some time for Dea. Brock. He m. ab. 1788, Elizabeth dau. Joseph Smith of Bath, N. H., who lived in R. 1784-'95. He bought the farm afterwards partly owned by Wm. Henderson and now by M. H. Gibson. The buildings stood on the old turnpike. In 1819 his inventory shows that he was in comfortable circumstances. The family went to Indiana in 1820, settling on Garrison's Creek, Fayette Co., and the next year the father and youngest son d. in one day, and the mother in 1826, while residing with her youngest daughter.

Children, all born in Ryegate.

- i. Janet,² b. Feb. 4, 1790; d. Feb. 3, 1812.
- ii. Elizabeth,² b. Aug. 18, 1791.
- iii. Robert,² b. March 5, 1793; d. Sept. 3, 1798.
- iv. Mary,² b. May 12, 1795; m. John Gray of Fayette Co., Ind., and d. there.
- v. Susannah,² b. March 13, 1797; m. Hugh Gray of Fayette Co., and d. there.
- 1 vi. John,² b. July 12, 1799.
- vii. Margaret,² b. March 14, 1801.
- viii. Marion,² b. March 18, 1803; m. Robert C. Reid, q. v.
- ix. Rosannah,² b. May 4, 1805; m. Feb. 4, 1824, Rev. Gavin McMillan, (s. of Hugh and Jane [Harvey] McMillan, b. Dewock, Co. Antrim, Ire., Feb. 6, 1847. Came to Am. with parents same yr., settling in the Chester Dist., S. C.; grad. 1817, So. Carolina Coll., Columbia; studied theology in Philadelphia; ord. by the Pittsburgh Pres., Ref. Pres. ch., and inst. pastor of the Beech Woods congregation, Morning Sun, Preble Co., May 7, 1823, remaining there till d. Jan. 25, 1867. Moderator of the General Synod of 1839 and 1861.—*Glasgow's Hist. of the Ref. Pres. ch. in America.*)
- x. James,² b. May 30, 1807; d. 1821.

- 1 JOHN,² (George,¹) b. July 19, 1792; rem. with parents to Fayette Co., Ind., 1820, and settled on land known as Garrison's Creek. He m. in 1822, Martha Killough of Preble Co., Ohio; rem. ab. 1828 to Hancock Co., Ill. and entered land adjoining the city of Nauvoo. Captain in the Black Hawk war and brevetted Colonel; rem. 1836 to Louisa Co., Iowa. Member of the 1st Constitutional Convention of Iowa, and one of three commissioners chosen by the legislature of 1838, to locate the capitol of the territory; rem. 1869, from his farm to Grandview, where he d. 1873; Covenanter, but after moving to Iowa, joined the Ass. Ref. Pres. ch.

Children:

- i. Eliza Jane,³ b. 1823; m. G. H. Crow of Wapello, Louisa Co., Iowa. 8 children.
- ii. Martha A.,³ b. 1825; m. J. B. McDill of Wapello, Iowa, where she still lives (Jan. 1910). 5 ch.

NOTE. "The commissioners chosen by the legislature of Iowa to locate the capital of the Territory were Chauncey Swan of Dubuque, John Ronalds of Louisa Co., and Robert Ralston of Des Moines, and they located it on the east bank of the Iowa river, and called it Iowa City."—[Gue's Hist. of Iowa, Vol. I, p. 195.

- iii. Rosanna M.,³ b. 1829; m. D. G. Chambers of Richland, O., who rem. to Wapello, Iowa. 5 ch.
- iv. William J.,³ b. 1835; m. Mary Smith of Grandview, Iowa. 7 ch.
- v. Marion E.,³ b. 1836; m. 1863, Dr. S. E. Jones, who d. 1866; and 2d, 1881, John P. Walker of Grandview, Iowa. Res. there.
- vi. Margaret C.,³ b. 1845; m. N. W. Lilly. Res. Chicago. 2 ch.

SANDERSON.

GEORGE PLINY, s. o. Robert and Margaret, b. Peacham, Dec. 2, 1858; common school education; res. in Concord, N. H., some years, and there m. by Rev. C. E. Harrington, Sept. 24, 1881, Alice M., dau. Lester and Margaret (Whitehill) Low, b. Oct. 24, 1857. Ret. to Ryegate, 1888, and bought the Hunter farm, 1888, which he sold, 1909; now res. at So. Ryegate; selectman 3 years.

Children:

- i. Alice Gertrude. d. in childhood.
 - ii. George Raymond, d. in childhood.
 - iii. Nellie Margaret, b. Dec. 8, 1883; grad. Peacham Acad., May 13, 1904; teacher; grad. N. H. State Normal School, Plymouth, N. H., June, 1906; teacher in Whitinsville, Mass.
 - iv. Roy V., b. Dec. 13, 1892 (adopted).
 - v. Harry M., b. March 16, 1893 (adopted).
- All members of the Baptist church, Groton.

SARGENT.

MILLARD FILLMORE,¹ b. Norwich, Vt., Nov. 23, 1849, son of Eben and Arvilla Sargent, one of a family of 11 ch. Attended Thetford Acad.; carpenter. Came to Boltonville and So. R.; in lumber and other business, buying and putting in first class shape, the Darling mill, which does a business of about 500 M per an. Has also built houses, and is interested in the granite business; has purchased the Darling block which he has put into fine shape. He had the leading part in putting in the electric light plant in 1909. and has done much to build up South Ryegate. He m. Jan. 1, 1872, Maria P., dau. Dr. John B. Darling (b. Groton, June 20, 1849; edu. McIndoes Acad.; teacher.)

Children:

- i. Joanna Belle,² b. Aug. 15, 1875; grad. St. Johnsbury Acad. 1896; m. Jan. 1, 1897, Frederick J., son of William Allen and Lizzie (Douglas) Tewksbury; b. Belle Plain, Iowa, Sept. 28, 1871; dentist; res. So. Ryegate. Ch. (1) Marjorie Douglass,³ b. Nov. 3, 1906. (2) Joanna Maria,³ b. Sept. 28, 1910.

SARGENT.

PHINEAS L., s. of Amos and Ann (Cheany) b. Barnet, Vt., Feb. 19, 1828; left home at 14; learned the shoemaker's trade at Hill, N. H.; went to Lowell and became a machinist; shipped from Boston on a whaling voyage, sailing around the world from east to west, and as far north as ice in July would permit. He m. Groton, Vt., Aug. 21, 1853, Abigail G. Jones, g. g. dau. of Capt. Ephraim Wesson, (b. Topsham, Vt., Feb. 12, 1835.) Res. Lowell, Mass., some years. Ret. to Vt., and enlisted in Co. D, 1st Vt. Cavalry, and served till the end of the war. Taken prisoner and confined in Richmond two mos. eight days. After the war he rem. to Ryegate where he lived 26 yrs.; rem. to Groton, where he d. June 24, 1907. His wife d. June 11, 1900; both bur. there.



JUDGE ALBERT R. SAVAGE.



HON. JOHN C. STEWART.



Children:

- i. Charles A.,² went to Cal. when a young man and m. there Oct. 23, 1883, Addie M. Niles. He d. April 18, 1907. Ch. Alonzo P.,³ Richard H.,³ Eva S.³
- 1 ii. Wesson H.,² b. Sept. 5, 1857 q. v.
- iii. Annetta E.,² (deceased.)
- iv. Linna,² m. April 18, 1895, James S. Weed of Topsham; rem. to Groton, and there kept the tavern known as Weed's Hotel till his death, March 22, 1903. No ch.
- v. David N.,² m. Nov. 30, 1893, Rosa Belle Eastman of Topsham. Farmer; res. in Newbury. Ch. (1) Olive S.,³ b. Feb. 7, 1895, d. y. (2) Roy E.,³ b. March 17, 1896. (3) Irene W.,³ b. June 15, 1900. (4) Vera A.,³ b. Dec. 22, 1905. (5) James W.,³ b. April 26, 1911.
- 1 WESSON H.,² (Phineas L.,¹) b. Lowell, Mass., Sept. 5, 1857. Com. school edu. In Cal., farming and mining, Jan. 1878–Nov. 1893; m. there Nov. 21, 1882 to Salena S. Richards, who d. Oct. 21, 1883. Ret. to Vt., bought his father's farm in Ryegate, known as the Pringle place; sold it 1899 and bought the Wm. J. Gibson farm. He m. 2d. by Rev. W. S. Wallace, May 28, 1902, Ida M., dau. David Buchanan. Mr. Buchanan d. July 28, 1912.

Children:

- i. Richard D.,³ b. Aug. 3, 1903.
- ii. Roland D.,³ b. March 29, 1905.
- iii. Martha Abigail,³ b. Aug. 24, 1908. Mr. Sargent bought in 1910 the original William Nelson farm and res. there.

SAVAGE.

CHARLES WESLEY,¹ b. Lancaster, N. H., July 12, 1819; m. in Ryegate, by Rev. J. M. Beattie, March 9, 1847, Eliza McLaren, dau. Asa Clough (b. Oct. 21, 1829; d. Spring Brook, Wis., June 18, 1891). Farmer on river road till 1856, when they rem. to Lancaster, N. H., and in 1879, to Spring Brook, Wis., where he d. Oct. 4, 1880.

Children:

- 1 i. Albert Russell,² b. Ryegate, Dec. 8, 1847.
- ii. Ella May,² b. Ryegate, June 29, 1852; m. Oct. 27, 1877, John Dickson of Spring Brook, Wis. Res. Eau Claire, Wis. 6 chil.
- iii. Georgia Elizabeth,² b. Lancaster, N. H.; Aug. 17, 1861; m. Dec. 7, 1882, Allen H. Frye of Spring Brook, Wis. Res. Eau Claire, Wis. 6 chil.
- iv. Anna Lucy,² b. Lancaster, June 6, 1868; d. Sept. 2, 1869.
- 1 ALBERT RUSSELL,² (Charles W.,¹) b. Ryegate, Dec. 8, 1847; fitted for college at Lancaster Acad., grad. Dartmouth, 1871; taught 1871, '72, Northwood (N. H.) Seminary; 1872–'75; Northfield (Vt.) graded and high school, studying law meanwhile in the office of Carpenter and Plumley at N. Ad. to the bar at Montpelier, March 1874; rem. to Auburn, Me., 1875 and entered into partnership with Hon. L. H. Hutchinson, a lawyer of marked ability, who d. 1882. County Attorney (Androscoggin Co.) 1881–'85; Judge of Probate, 1885–'89; Mayor of Auburn, 1889–'91; Member of the Maine House of Representatives 1891, 1893; Speaker of the House, 1893; member of the Maine Senate, 1895–1897; appointed May 15, 1907 Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine; re-appointed 1894 and 1911, and still in office. Trustee of People's Savings Bank at Lewiston, director National Shoe and Leather Bank, Auburn, and director or officer in many other local enterprises. Has published "An Index—Digest of the Maine Reports," 1897; has contributed largely to the legal press. Res. Auburn, Me. He m. at Lunenburg, Vt., Aug. 17, 1871, by Rev. L. W. Harris, Nellie M. Hale (b. Barnet, Oct. 8, 1847; d. Aug. 24, 1912.)

Children:

- i. Charles H.,³ b. Northfield, Vt., Oct. 11, 1872; d. Millboro, Va., April 23, 1896.

- ii. Anna Mary,³ b. Northfield, Vt., March 22, 1874; d. Auburn, Me., Dec. 17, 1875.
- iii. Mary Anna,³ b. Auburn, Me., Nov. 14, 1876; d. Auburn, June 8, 1911.

SCOT.

In the Bond of Association John Scot is given as a "Bleacher in Hillshead-holm." Mr. Mason says that he was b. Woodside, near Glasgow. Came to America, 1773, with William Stevenson and James Andrew, and to R. in 1775. He must have been a man of good business judgment and experience as Mr. Mason says that he was employed as purchasing agent or commissary by Gen. Bayley during part of the revolutionary war. He cleared part of the "common land," now owned by W. T. McLam, but after some years lived at So. Newbury, settling finally on the "Glebe Land" in Newbury, near So. Ryegate afterward owned by Hon. Peter Burbank and called by him "The Hermitage," and now by the heirs of William Nelson. He cleared that farm, built that house, and a saw mill on the stream still called "Scot's Brook." He m. ab. 1784, Sarah, dau. Col. Robert Johnston of N. sister to the wife of Gen. Whitelaw (b. Hampstead, N. H., April 3, 1762; d. July 25, 1836.) He d. June 29, 1828. Their descendants spell the name Scott.

Children, some of them b. in Ryegate.

- i. Abigail,² m. Ira Mann of Orford, N. H.
- ii. James,² m. Rhoda Gillett of Hartford, Vt.
- iii. Isabel,² m. July 11, 1812 by Rev. Wm. Gibson, Andrew L. Smith, a stranger who went off and left her. They had ch., Eliza, who m. Charles Brigham and Sidney.
- iv. Robert.²
- v. William,² m. Dec. 4, 1812 by Robert Whitelaw, Lucy Strong. 2d, Tama Hibbard of Bath.
- vi. John.²
- vii. Mary,² b. 1795; d. Newbury, June 18, 1872.
- viii. Whitelaw.²
- ix. Sally,² b. 1799; d. Newbury, 1886.
- x. Charles J.,² b. Oct. 12, 1802; m. 1st. Sarah Clark of Landaff, N. H. 2d, Sophronia L. Bayley (b. May 18. 1815; d. Feb. 20, 1888.) He d. Aug. 2, 1878. One son, Sidney W.
- xi. Cyrus J.,² b. 1806; m. Dec. 15, 1840, Susan M., dau. Timothy Shedd (b. Sept. 14, 1821; d. Jan. 21, 1881.)

The two last named were long in the lumber business in and near Wells River and brought the first steam saw mill into Newbury.

SCOTT, JOHN N. M. (See Whittaker Family.)

SHAW.

JOHN,¹ b. 1720, was a son of Rev. John Shaw of Greenock, Scotland, a noted clergyman of his time, who was associated with the Erskines and others in the formation of the Associate Presbyterian church. He came to Barnet with his son John, in 1784, and was an elder in the Associate church. He d. Nov. 16, 1801 and his wife, whose maiden name was Crawford, in 1807 or 1808; bur. at Barnet Centre.

Children:

John and James, perhaps others.

JOHN,² (John,¹) b. Greenock, Scot., 1749; came to America, 1765, and to Ryegate in May, 1774, and rem. here during the rev. war; went back to Scotland, 1783 and ret. in the next year with his parents and brother William. He m. a dau. of Peter Lang of Barnet and settled

on the meadow n. of Barnet village. A great reader and well informed. He d. 1831 having survived his wife and children of whom there were three: Janet, who m. Dr. John McNab as 1st w. and a son and dau. who d. un-m.

WILLIAM,² (James,¹) b. Scot., 1758; m. there Isabel Orr. Came to Barnet Oct. 1784 and settled where George Nutter now lives; captain in the old militia; member of the Asso. Pres. ch. He d. June 11, 1825; she d. Feb. 22, 1839; bur. at Barnet Center.

Children:

- i. Daniel,³ b. Greenock, Scotland; m. Janet Stewart, and was the first merchant in Barnet, and for some years the only trader between Newbury and Stanstead. 2 daus. (Mrs. John C. Kent and Mrs. Johnson.)
- ii. Margaret,³ b. Barnet; m. William Ross.
- iii. William,³ lived at Monroe Plain; m. Elizabeth Batchelder.
- iv. John,³ town clerk in Barnet; m. Betsey Harriman.
- v. Peter³ became a Presbyterian minister (General Assembly); m. a Miss King of New York.
- vi. Robert,³ became an Episcopal minister; m. Sarah Hooker of Hartford, Conn.
- vii. James,³ b. June 3, 1800.
- viii. Isabel,³ m. Robert Stevenson.
- 1 JAMES,³ (William,² John,¹) b. Barnet, June 3, 1800; farmer on homestead. He m. 1st, by Rev. Thos. Goodwillie, March 16, 1826, Jane, dau. Wm. McPhee (b. Jan. 9, 1806; d. Feb. 11, 1861.) 2d, Feb. 4, 1864, Mrs. Agnes, dau. Robert,² Nelson, and widow of Truman Bailey of Littleton, N. H., (b. Aug. 26, 1809; d. Peacham, June 8, 1890.) He d. Barnet, July 18, 1890; bur. at Barnet Center.

Thirteen chil. by 1st m. of whom:

- ii. Margaret,⁴ b. June 29, 1828; m. Dr. John B. Darling of Ryegate, q. v.
- viii. Jane Elizabeth,⁴ b. April 21, 1840; m. Alexander Renfrew, q. v.

SLYE.

JOHN,¹ b. Smithfield, R. I., 1748; served six weeks on a privateer in the revolutionary war, making three captures. One was a vessel loaded with ivory, which they sold, taking their pay in Continental money, which becoming worthless they lost their prize. He m. Ruth Brown, whose father built the first woolen factory in America. Came to Newbury ab. 1786, and was a blacksmith there several years; rem. to Wells River where he put in the first trip-hammer in use there; came to R. and bought of the Scotch Co., land on which Daniel Heath had begun, now a pasture owned by Hermon Miller, where his wife d. 1824, and he d. in March, 1831; bur. in the Whitelaw cemetery.

Children, probably not in regular order. The 1st four were born in Rhode Island,

- i. Nancy,² m. Joseph Williams, a blacksmith at Wells River.
- ii. Betsey,² b. 1777; m. Eri Chamberlin.
- iii. Mercy,² m. James Heath.
- 1 iv. Stephen,² b. ab. 1783.
- v. Susanna,² b. 1785; m. John Ewens.
- vi. Ruth,² b. Newbury; m. Samuel Clough, Jr., q. v.
- vii. Vodic,² b. 1788; m. 1st, Thomas Heath. 2d, James Bailey of Newbury.
- 2 viii. John,² b. Newbury, July 23, 1791.
- ix. Sally,² m. a Mr. Sturtevant.

NOTE. The earlier records of this family are from Mr. Mason, the later ones from Mr. Miller and others.

- 1 STEPHEN,² (John,¹) b. in Rhode Island, ab. 1783; m. 1st, Elizabeth, dau. Wm. Abbott (b. June 18, 1783; d. Sept. 30, 1840.) 2d, Jane, dau. John Moore. Lived in Haverhill, Newbury and Ryegate; rem. to Danville. he d.

Children:

- i. Eliza,³ b. Haverhill, June 5, 1802.
- ii. William A.,³ b. April 17, 1805; d. y.
- iii. Charity,³ b. Newbury, Jan. 1, 1808; m. June 8, 1830, John Franklin, a schoolmaster, who became a physician. (See p. 159.)
- iv. Israel,³ b. Newbury, Oct. 4, 1809; blacksmith at Boltonville. (See History of Newbury.)
- v. Lois,³ b. July 24, 1811; m. William Buck of Bath.
- vi. Mabel,³ b. Nov. 21, 1815; m. Moses Brown.
- vii. Ann,³ b. 1817; m. a Mr. Hutchins of Haverhill.
- viii. Amos,³ b. 1819; m. a Miss Stalker.
- ix. Harriet,³ b. 1821; never m.
- x. Austin,³ b. 1822.
- xi. Timothy,³ b. 1825; lived in Worcester, Mass.
- 4 xii. Reuben Muzzey,³ b. July 8, 1828.

By 2d marriage.

- xiii. William,³ b. Ryegate; served in the Union army and was killed near the close of the war.

JOHN,² (John,¹) b. Newbury, July 23, 1791; served six weeks in Capt. Morrill's Co., in the war of 1812; farmer on the homestead. He m. by Robert Whitelaw, Feb. 20, 1815, Roxalana, dau. Jabez Bigelow (b. Oct. 15, 1794; d. Dec. 20, 1863.) He d. March 15, 1873.

Children:

- 5 i. George Ronalds,³ b. Nov. 19, 1815.
- ii. Cynthia B.,³ b. March 11, 1818; m. Stephen Webster, q. v.
- iii. Welcome,³ b. Dec. 20, 1819; went to Louisiana; m. Ann Crittenden.
- iv. Esther,³ b. Oct. 30, 1821; d. June 23, 1897; m. Benjamin P. Wheeler of Newbury. One ch., Estelle, who m. Charles Reed of Antrim, N. H. f and d. May 2, 1888. 3 ch.
- v. Ruth Brown,³ b. June 25, 1824; m. Sept. 27, 1859, Wm. Orr of Tops ham. She d. Nov. 2, 1899.
- vi. John,³ b. Oct. 29, 1825; killed by the cars in Ill., Oct. 30, 1865.
- vii. Roxalana B.,³ b. Feb. 19, 1828; d. Brattleboro, ab. 1870.
- viii. Nancy Williams³ b. Feb. 11, 1830; m. Joel Ingalls, q. v.
- 6 ix. Daniel Azro,³ b. June 29, 1831.
- x. Nathan Jabez,³ b. Aug. 18, 1834; m. 1872, Phoebe Jones; lived in Topsham on the old Mills farm, now owned by Joseph Hastings. 1 son, Ward Brown.⁴
- 3 AUSTIN,³ (Stephen,² John,¹) b. 1822; m. 1848, Nancy Henderson, (b. 1827; d. March 6, 1856). He m. 2d, 1857, Abigail Folger (b. May 16, 1820; d. 1871.) 3d, Adaline Alger of Strafford, Vt., in 1872 b. 1845.

Children:

- i. Charles Milton,⁴ b. 1849; m. Nov. 24, 1866, Nellie Cheney of Concord N. H.
- ii. Jane,⁴ b. 1851; m. Nov. 26, 1868, Edward H. Colby of Dunbarton, N. H.
- iii. Stephen E.,⁴ b. 1853; d. Sept. 29, 1879.
- iv. Alma Eliza,⁴ b. Newbury, June 1855; m. James B. Darling, q. v.
- v. Ida May,⁴ b. Newbury, Sept. 11, 1858; m. March 4, 1879, Luther F. Dawson of Derby, afterwards of Lawrence, Mass.
- vi. Austin, b. Aug. 27, 1860.
- vii. Martha M., b. Sept. 9, 1863.
- viii. Gertrude Viola, b. Aug. 29, 1879.

- 4 REUBEN MUZZEY,³ (Stephen,² John,¹) b. Ryegate, July 8, 1828; m. May 15, 1857 by Rev. Wm. Pringle, Isabella dau. Thos.,² (Wm.,¹) Nelson (b. April 14, 1826; d. Shrewsbury, Mass., July 23, 1898). They rem. to E. Haverhill, N. H., then to Worcester, Mass., 1864, where he was a carpenter; farmer in Shrewsbury, Mass., 1875 till d. April 5, 1897.

Children:

- i. Mary E.,⁴ b. Haverhill, Feb. 13, 1860; m. Worcester, Mass., April 17, 1879 by Rev. E. L. Lathrop to Nathan P. Craigie of Boston; tool-maker. Rem. to So. Walpole, Mass., 1907. Ch. (1) David N.,⁵ b. April 18, 1900. (2) Everett P.,⁵ b. July 25; d. Aug. 30, 1901.
 - ii. Nelson M.,⁴ b. Haverhill, Nov. 15, 1863; m. in Shrewsbury, June 5, 1884, Edith E. Spaulding of Worcester. Blacksmith. Ch. (1) Mabel Elsie,⁵ b. Oct. 23, 1896. (2) Nelson M.,⁵ b. Aug. 16, 1898.
- 5 GEORGE RONALDS,³ (John,² John,¹) b. Ryegate, Nov. 19, 1815; m. Nov. 21, 1839 by Rev. G. W. Campbell, Jane, dau. Solomon Jewell (b. Newbury, March 25, 1815; d. March 8, 1884.) They lived in Peacham but rem. to Newbury, 1844. He d. Aug. 5, 1891; had been blind many years.

Children:

- i. Abigail,⁴ b. Peacham, May 11, 1841; d. Dec. 29, 1841.
 - ii. Son,⁴ (twin to above) d. May 12, 1841.
 - iii. Roxalana Elizabeth,⁴ b. Peacham, Nov. 30, 1842; m. Charles E. Bolcum, q. v.
- 6 Daniel Azro,³ (John,² John,¹) b. June 29, 1832; m. Agnes, dau. John Dickson. Went to Wis. and settled at Waneka; rem. there some yrs.; rem. to St. Paul and there d.

Children:

- i. Wm. George,⁴ b. Oct. 13, 1856; res. Minneapolis, Wis. Commercial teacher.
- ii. Mary B.,⁴ b. Jan. 16, 1859; m. May 2, 1888, Rev. Wm. J. Gray, pastor of 1st Cong. ch., St. Paul, Minn.
- iii. Grace A.,⁴ b. May 6, 1861; m. Sept. 21, 1893, John W. Gray of Minneapolis, where he is circulator for the Minneapolis Journal.

SMITH.

JAMES and ANDREW Smith came from Scotland, arriving in Ryegate, Oct. 8, 1774. Andrew died 14 days later, the 1st death in town (See p. 43.) James m. ab. 1779, Elizabeth Shields, who came from Scotland in the same ship with the Halls and others, arriving at Boston just before the battle of Bunker Hill, and she was the only person allowed to pass through the lines. James Smith owned much land in Ryegate and Barnet which he sold, and settled in Newbury on the west side of the river at Boltonville, where he seems to have d. Oct. 6, 1802, aged 60, and his wife, Nov. 20, 1824, aged 76.

Children:

- i. Jean,² or Jane, b. Aug. 16, 1780; m. 1803 as 1st w. John Peach of Newbury and settled on Jefferson Hill where she d. Feb. 6, 1831. 9 chil. (See History of Newbury.) Covenanters.
- ii. Polly,² or Mary, b. March 7, 1782; m. Charles Wheeler, q. v.
- iii. James,² b. Dec. 15, 1784; d. Sept. 14, 1797.
- iv. Andrew,² b. Sept. 14, 1791; m. Olive Randall.

SMITH.

JAMES,¹ of Scotch ancestry, b. Newtonard, Co. Down, Ireland, 1768. He belonged to the United Irishmen, and was in the patriot army 1798. He went to Scotland in June of that year, where he was taken prisoner, and kept nine weeks and three days, when he was allowed to return

to Ireland. He m. 1799, Elizabeth McBride, and they came at once to Am., and lived one and a half years at a place called Nine Partners, Clinton, Dutchess Co., N. Y. Came to R. in Feb. 1801, and settled on the farm owned later by the heirs of Theodore W. Smith. Covenanters. He d. July 17, 1840, aged 71; she d. Dec. 17, 1838, aged 67; bur. in the West cemetery.

Children all but the oldest born in Ryegate.

- 1 i. John,² b. March 23, 1800.
- 2 ii. James,² b. Sept. 4, 1801.
- 3 iii. Thomas,² b. Jan. 6, 1803.
- 4 iv. William G.,² b. July 1804.
- v. Elizabeth,² b. June 6, 1806. Never m., made home with her sister Mary and d.
- vi. Mary,² b. Feb. 18, 1808; m. Wm. McLure, q. v.
- 5 vii. Robert G.,² b. Feb. 1, 1810.
- viii. Katharine,² d. y.
- 6 ix. David,² b. Oct. 23, 1818.
- 1 JOHN,² (James,¹) b. Clinton, N. Y., March 23, 1800. Came to R. with parents, and m. Feb. 23, 1832, Mary, dau. Samuel Allen, q. v. (b. Ireland, May 7, 1807; d. Dec. 28, 1801). They lived on part of the homestead 16 yrs., then rem. to the farm now owned by Rem. to So. R., 1874; elected elder in the Ref. Pres. ch., So. R., June 27, 1867. He lived in R. 92 yrs., but d. in Newbury at the home of his dau., Mrs. Wm. Bone, March 20, 1894.

Children,

- i. Jane,³ b. Jan. 8, 1833; m. 1st, Nathaniel K. Laughlin q. v. 2d Appleton Perry, q. v.
- ii. Robert Gibson, b. Oct. 2, 1834; d. Sept. 10, 1859; res. Ryegate, except a short time in Boston.
- iii. Elizabeth M.,³ b. Dec. 9, 1836; d. Nov. 21, 1889; m. 1st, Wm. McLaughlin, q. v. 2d, Feb. 1, 1894, John H. Welch, who d. Groton, Dec. 23, 1905.
- iv. John B.,³ b. Dec. 11, 1839; d. April 17, 1856.
- v. Ellen,³ b. April 5, 1841; m. William Bone, q. v.
- vi. Nancy,³ b. Aug. 23, 1843; m. 1st, Jan. 12, 1871, David Bone, q. v. 2d, Dec. 8, 1881, Robert H. Gates q. v. Mrs. Gates owns the sword carried by Samuel Allen in the Irish rebellion.
- vii. Mary Ann,³ b. May 3, 1846; d. Sept. 3, 1848.
- viii. William Allen,³ b. June 18, 1848; d. May 25, 1865.
- ix. Samuel J.,³ b. July 19, 1852; d. May 5, 1865.
- 2 JAMES,² (James,¹) b. Ryegate., Sept. 4, 1801. He m. March, 1836, Janet, dau. James Aiken; rem. to Topsham, and was a prosperous farmer. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith died within two weeks in Nov. and Dec. 1872.

Children:

- i. Alexander,³ b. Feb. 19, 1837. m. Abbie Burns of Topsham.
- ii. Caroline,³ b. 1839; d. Tewksbury, Mass., about 1860.
- iii. Margaret,³ res. Manchester, N. H., in 1890.
- iv. Thomas,² d. 1882.
- v. Moses,³ farmer on homestead; m. Almira, dau. John Hood.
- vi. Eliza,³ b. 1853; d. 1874.
- 3 THOMAS,² (James,¹) b. Ryegate, Jan. 6, 1803; m. by Rev. Wm. Pringle, July 22, 1841, to Jane, dau. Theophilus McLure (b. R. 1805.) Farmer on homestead. He d. July 11, 1887.

Children (rather uncertain as to dates.)

- i. Thomas H. B.,³ b. Jan. 1843; d. Sept. 17, 1844.
- ii. Twins,³ b. and d. Feb. 4, 1844.
- iv. Jackson,³ b. 1846.
- 7 v. Theodore W.,³ b. 1848.

- vi. Daughter,³ b. and d. May 1, 1849.
- 4 WILLIAM GIBSON,² (James,¹) b. July 1804; settled in Charleston, Me., m. Jan. 23, 1840, Phebe Faulkner Treworgy of Blue Hill, Me. (b. Oct. 2, 1804; d. May, 1885.) He d. Oct. 1, 1868.
 - Children;
 - i. Oscar Lewis,³ b. Nov. 12, 1840.
 - ii. Jasper David,³ b. May 14, 1842; d. July, 1896.
 - iii. Sarah Elizabeth,³ b. May 26, 1843; d. Aug. 17, 1898.
 - iv. Thomas Benton,³ b. Aug. 21, 1845; d. ab. Feb. 22, 1883.
 - v. Frances Amelia,³ b. Jan. 8, 1847.
 - vi. Mary Ann,³ b. Dec. 2, 1849.
 - vii. Phebe Jane,³ b. July 18, 1853.
 - viii. Ella Helena,³ b. Dec. 16, 1855.
 - ix. Helen Judith,³ b. May 13, 1857.
- 5 ROBERT B.,² (James,¹) b. Feb. 1, 1810; settled in Charleston, Me., and m. Oct. 17, 1843, Julia Ann Kelsey, who d. Jan. 12, 1879. He d. Oct. 14, 1888.
 - Children:
 - i. Mary Jane,³ b. Jan. 6, 1845.
 - ii. Tliza Ann,³ b. May 15, 1847; d. Feb. 28, 1867.
 - iii. Charles E.,³ b. April 29, 1850.
 - iv. John K.,³ b. Sept. 6, 1853.
 - v. Sarah H.,³ b. Aug. 22, 1855.
 - vi. Jason M.,³ b. Oct. 5, 1857.
 - vii. Alice K.,³ b. April 14, 1866; d. May 21, 1885.
 - viii. Lizzie L.,³ b. May 4, 1868.
- 6 DAVID,² (James,¹) b. Ryegate, Oct. 23, 1818; rem. to Charleston, Me., and later to Stetson, Me., where he d. Sept. 28, 1900. He m. in Charleston, Jan. 8, 1847, Susan B. Goodwin (b. Shapleigh, Me., Jan. 22, 1826.)
 - Children:
 - i. Florence Ada,³ b. Charleston, Sept. 28, 1847.
 - ii. Susan M.,³ b. Charleston, Feb. 19, 1849.
 - iii. David M.,³ b. Stetson, Dec. 1, 1850; d. Nov. 3, 1856.
 - iv. Frank M.,³ b. Oct. 31, 1852; d. June 9, 1861.
 - v. Clara A.,³ b. Feb. 11, 1859.
 - vi. Wilson S.,³ b. Feb. 5, 1863.
 - vii. Arthur H.,³ b. Dec. 26, 1866; d. Feb. 9, 1879.
- 7 THEODORE W.,³ (Thomas,² James,¹) b. R. 1848; d. June 15, 1908; Deacon in 1st Pres. ch. Farmer on homestead; m. 1st, 1875, Maggie J., dau. James Esden of Barnet (b. Sept. 22, 1850; d. Dec. 28, 1888.) 2d, Feb. 6, 1890, Mrs. Alice Peters, dau. Labbeus Welch.
 - Children by 2d marriage.
 - i. Henry Finney,⁴ b. Aug. 26, 1876.
 - ii. Thomas Roscoe,⁴ b. May 18, 1879; m., lived in Bath, N. H.; d. June 23, 1908. No ch.
 - iii. Charles Warren,⁴ b. Sept. 7, 1882.
 - iv. Carrie Jane,⁴ b. May 24, 1884; m. Dec. 8, 1909, Horace James of Topsham.
 - v. Clara Marion,⁴ (twin to above) d. Sept. 7, 1886.
 - vi. Matilda Louisa,⁴ b. June 12, 1886.

SMITH.

GEORGE of Paisley, Scotland, m. Isabel Craig, and they had two sons, George and James, who followed their father's trade of a stocking weaver.

GEORGE, b. April 9, 1782; m. April or May, 1807, Margaret, dau. William and Agnes [Miller] Renfrew (b. May 18, 1784; d. 1876.) This Ren-

frew family and their descendants have lived 300 years on the same farm in Renfrewshire. They lived in Paisley till 1816, when they embarked for America, reaching Ryegate after ten p. m., Aug. 28, the night of the "great frost," which killed all vegetation and the leaves on the trees. He bought of John Buchanan land afterwards owned by Archibald Whitehill, then lived ten years on what was called the Hall place. Elected an elder, 1817 in the Associate Church. They removed to Greensboro in 1842 and they with their sons, Thomas and John, were set off to become members of a congregation formed at that place, June 5, 1845. He d. in G. in May 16, 1863; she d. in Barnet in the winter of 1875.

Children, the first five born in Scotland:

- 1 i. George,² b. May 19, 1808;
- ii. William,² b. Dec. 29, 1809; d. Jan. 16, 1816.
- iii. Agnes,² b. Sept. 7, 1811; m. Dec. 25, 1854, George Smith of St. Johnsbury; d. May 16, 1887.
- 2 iv. James,² b. Oct. 3, 1813.
- 3 v. Thomas,² b. March 29, 1816.
- 4 vi. John,² b. Jan. 14, 1818.
- 5 vii. Isabel,² b. Sept. 11, 1820.
- viii. Margaret,² b. May 16, 1822.
- 6 ix. William,² b. March 23, 1824.
- 7 x. Elizabeth,² b. June 23, 1826.
- xi. Jennet,² b. Dec. 28, 1829; m. Samuel Boardman, who d. in Indiana, 1865. She d. Ch. Lizzie,³ and Edwin J.³
- 1 GEORGE,² (George,¹) b. Paisley, Scotland, May 19, 1808; came to America with his parents, and m. March 14, 1840, Mary, dau. John Dunn (b. Aug. 7, 1806; d. Aug. 17, 1867.) When he m. he bought of Joshua Thomas the farm known as "The Birches," now owned by his son, Wm. J. Smith, and where he d. Jan. 24, 1882.

Children:

- i. Hugh Alexander,³ b. Dec. 30, 1840; d. June 14, 1848.
- 8 ii. Margaret Elizabeth,³ b. May 30, 1842.
- iii. William John,³ b. May 30, 1844; farmer on homestead. He inherited a love for animals, especially horses, and has reared and owned some very fine ones notably "Helen M.," and "Lambert B." The cattle on his farm are all descended from a cow bought by George Smith, Sr., in 1816. He m. 1st, by Rev. G. M. Wiley, Dec. 5, 1867, Martha, dau. Wm. and Lucina Whitehill (b. R. April 10, 1849; d. Aug. 8, 1871.) 2d, Oct. 1882, Jennie E., dau. Abram M. Whitehill.
- ix. Mary Jennett,³ b. Nov. 21, 1851; m. Nov. 20, 1875, by Rev. D. C. Faris at So. Peacham, Frank Whitehill b. 1853 at Danville, Vt., who is in partnership with her brother W. J. Smith. She is an invalid, but is local correspondent for several papers, and has, with care and pains, collected most of these Smith records for this work. In 1908 Messrs. Smith & Whitehill purchased the Beattie farm at East Ryegate, and res. there.
- 2 JAMES,² (George,¹) b. Paisley, Scot., Oct. 2, 1813. Came with parents to Ryegate, 1816 or 1817; joined the Seceder Ch, Oct. 2, 1845; m. 1st, May 28, 1848, Marion, dau. Wm. Somers of Barnet; she d. June 28, 1863. 2 ch. 2d, m. Nov. 16, 1864, Lucy K. Abbott. 3 ch. He d. May 9, 1876. He was a member of the United Pres. ch. 60 yrs.

Children:

- i. Lewis,³ b. June 22, 1852.
- ii. Jennett,³ b. Jan. 2, 1850; m. James Manchester.
- iii. George Ellis,³ b. April 24, 1854; m. Martha Gilman. 1 dau.
- iv. Lelia Jane,³ b. Sept. 28, 1865; m. Fred Morton.
- v. Julia,³ a missionary in China; m. Rev. Mr. Marshall, who d. there, 1911.
- vi. Jackson W.,³ m. Mrs. Rhenis [Peach] widow of G. E. Meader.

- 3 Thomas,² (George,¹) b. Paisley, Scotland, March 29, 1816; came to R. with parents; rem. to Greensboro 1842; m. 1846, Lydia, dau. Samuel Knight of Ryegate, b. Oct. 7, 1825. He d. Nov. 12, 1879.
Children:
i. Lydia Ann,³ b. Sept. 8, 1848; m. April 21, 1870, Loren F. Miner. Ch. (1) Mary,⁴ b. April 26, 1872. (2) Edna,⁴ b. Oct. 25, 1880.
ii. Frank,³ b. Dec. 1, 1849 farmer; m. June 14, 1881, Ida Dow of Albany. Ch. (1) Luther,⁴ b. Jan. 21, 1887. (2) Orrin,⁴ b. Aug., d. Oct. 1891.
iii. Hattie,³ b. May 22, 1854; m. Dec. 25, 1873, Emory Norris.
Children:
1. Thomas W.,⁴ b. Hardwick, Oct. 5, 1874.
2. Lydia H.,⁴ b. Hardwick, Aug. 21, 1876.
3. Ernest E.,⁴ b. Lyndonville, June 9, 1882; d. Newport, Aug. 20, 1883.
4. Althia G.,⁴ b. Derby, Vt., Aug. 16, 1893.
5. Ernest E.,⁴ b. Derby, Vt., June 14, 1897.
iv. Dr. Moses E.,⁶ b. May 7, 1852; practiced at Troy, Vt., now res. in Cal.; m. Nov. 1876, Maria Buzzel. Ch. Gladys,⁴ b. Dec. 20, 1882.
v. Julia F.,³ b. Sept. 6, 1856; m. Feb. 11, 1892, Irving P. Dillon. Ch. (1) Irving W.,⁴ b. Nov. 25, 1894. (2) Wendall M.,⁴ b. Aug. 12, 1896.
vi. Charles H.,³ b. Oct. 31, 1857; farmer, m. Nov. 15, 1893, Julia W. Cheney.
vii. Lois C.,³ b. Dec. 25, 1859; m. Sept. 1880, James Davidson. Ch. (1) Lulu L.,⁴ b. Oct. 15, 1882. (2) Everett J.,⁴ b. Sept. 15, 1894.
viii. Fred S.,³ b. Oct. 6, 1862; m. 1st at Newport, Vt., July 3, 1889, Helen, dau. Maj. Noyes (b. Feb. 20, 1859; d. Sept. 20, 1897.) 2d, at Hardwick, Vt., Sept. 27, 1898, Sara A. Mayron. Ch. by 1st m. (1) Isabel M.,⁴ b. Sept. 17, 1892; adopted Oct. 1897 by Eliza Hathaway. By 2d m. (2) Rhoda L.,⁴ b. March 11, 1903. (3) Emory N.,⁴ b. Sept. 25, 1906.
ix. Abbie M.,³ b. July 29, 1865,
x. Josephine A.,³ b. Sept. 25, 1867,
4 JOHN,² (George,¹) b. Ryegate Jan. 1, 1818; m. 1st, Jane Barr of Danville. They had one son, Andrew who went. 2d, Maria, dau. John Somers. They lived in Greensboro, rem. to Newbury, near the townhouse, and on Jefferson Hill, 1856, '64. They rem. to Barnet, then to Texas, where both d.
Children:
Eva Bell, b. Dec. 1850; Esther, b. May, 1852, who d. y.; John, Morris, Margaret, Lilly Ann.
5 Isabel,² (George,¹) b. Ryegate, Sept. 1, 1820; m. Moses Boardman of Greensboro.
Children born in Greensboro.
i. Agnes,³ d. at 8 yrs.
iii. Charles E.,³ d. at St. Johnsbury, ab. 30.
iii. Lydia,³ d. at 7 yrs.
iv. Carrie Ella,³ m. C. C. King of Albany, Vt.; d. at 42.
v. Hattie,³ d. y.
6 WILLIAM,² (George,¹) b. Ryegate, March 23, 1824; m. 1st, Jan. 9, 1855, Mary, dau. Robert Smith of W. Barnet, b. in Scotland, when her mother d. She d. April, 1866. 2d, Aug. 22, 1867, Jane, half sister of 1st w., her mother, Agnes Esden, being half sister of 1st w. of Robert Smith.
Children by 1st marriage, George, Agnes Annie, Mary Ella, Barbara J., (dea.) Marion E., Robert William. All went to Iowa.
By 2d marriage.
Jessie,³ b. 1868. Edwin,³ d. y. Herbert,³ d. y.
7 Elizabeth,² (George,¹) b. Ryegate, June 23, 1826; m. John Calderwood, went to California and d. there.
Children:
i. Solomon,³ went to California and m. there.

- ii. Margaret,³ went to California.
 - iii. Matilda Jane,³ m. Ellsworth Hawkins, killed by a derrick on Blue Mt. One son, Ellsworth, Jr., living and m. She m. 2d, a Mr. Clough and lives in Bloomfield, Vt.
 - iv. Elizabeth J.,³ m. Geo. D. Bradley, stone cutter at St. Johnsbury.
 - v. Annie,³ m. Rev. Edward T. Sanford, pastor of Baptist church at St. Johnsbury several years; Chaplain in the army in the civil war; went to California.
 - vi. Mary Isabel,³ d. at ab. 16.
 - 8 MARGARET ELIZABETH,³ (George,² George,¹) b. May 30, 1842; m. at Monroe, N. H., March 1. 1864 by Rev. Mr. Sterling to James Ramsey; rem to Wis.
- Children:
- i. Mary Elizabeth,⁴ b. Ryegate Nov. 10, 1864; m. in Wis., May 1, 1889, Frank Cook. Ch. (1) Harry Edward,⁵ b. Feb. 26, 1890. (2) Hazel May,⁵ b. May 1892. (3) Ella Anna,⁵ b. Jan. 9, 1896.
 - ii. Laura Annie,⁴ b. Ryegate, July 29, 1866; m. 1888, Henry Kelley. Ch. (1) John Franklin,⁵ b. Wis. Nov. 26 1888.
 - iii. Agnes Ellen,⁴ b. Peacham, April 9, 1868; m. at Lake City, Wis., Feb. 24, 1892, Samuel James Wills. Ch. (1) Gladys Jane,⁵ b. Cherokee, Iowa, Feb. 26, 1894. (2) Gertrude Florence,⁵ b. Cleghorn, Iowa, Sept. 9, 1896. (3) Irma Frances,⁵ b. Cleghorn, April 14, 1899.
 - iv. Carrie Ella,⁴ b. Peacham, April 5, 1870; d. Ryegate, Feb. 25, 1877.
 - v. William James⁴ b. Barnet, June 1, 1872; m. Peacham, June 17, 1896, Lizzie Belle Hastie. Ch. (1) Ethel May,⁵ b. Peacham, April 18, 1897. (2) Geo. Andrew,⁵ b. Peacham, June 4, 1899. (3) Margaret Eliza,⁵ b. Peacham, Jan. 16, 1903. (4) Mary Luella,⁵ b. Barnet, May 13, 1906.
 - vi. George Alexander,⁴ b. Lyman, N. H., June 1, 1874; drowned in the river at E. Ryegate, July 17, 1883.
 - vii. John Henry,⁴ b. Ryegate, Aug. 6, 1876; rem. to Nebraska; m. Kate Hoth, in 1904. Ch. (1) Bernard Henry,³ b. Oct. 23, 1904. (2) James Stephen,³ b. March 27, 1906. (3) John Harold,³ b. 28, 1908. (4) Mae Margaret,³ b. May 9, 1910.
 - viii. Cora Luella,⁴ b. Union, Wis., Oct. 29, 1878; m. in Ryegate, Dec. 20, 1898, Newton A. Whitehill. Ch. (1) Erwin Newton, b. Barnet, July 27, 1902. (2) John Franklin, b. April 26, 1905.
 - ix. Harry Edward,⁴ b. Union, Wis., Sept. 9, 1881; grad. 1897, Carnegie Ins., N. Y. Dentist with office at Brevoort Place, Brooklyn. Has also studied law. Visited Europe four times.
 - x. Benjamin Harrison,⁴ b. Nov. 9, 1885. In R. R. service.

SOMERS.

This name has always been very common in both Ryegate and Barnet, and the families are all descended from several of the name who came from the same locality, but their immediate connection is not known.

BARTHOLEMEW SOMERS,¹ b. Cambuslang, Scotland, 1744; came to Am. 1771 and to Ryegate 1774. He served in the revolutionary war in Capt. Frye Bayley's Co., which marched to Saratoga, and his adventure in swimming the Hudson is related on p. 86. He was a very large man and was called "Lang Bart," and was elected ensign in the 1st Co. of Ryegate militia. Mr. Mason says that he was a merry man, abounding in fun and practical jokes. He settled in Ryegate, but ab. 1782 rem. to Barnet and d. there.

Children all but the first born in Barnet.

- i. Jane,² b. Ryegate, Jan. 15, 1781; d. Jan. 15, 1871; m. 1805, William Carrick of B. who d. Dec. 23, 1868.

- ii. Marion,² b. 1783; d. March 14, 1850. She m. Dea. Thos. Gilkerson of Barnet, who d. May 31, 1845 on the farm now owned by Wilbur Nelson. These children married into Ryegate families; James m. Jane, dau. Andrew Buchanan; Susan m. John Whitehill; Bartholemew m. Margaret, dau. James Warden; John m. Agnes Warden; Janet m. Robert Gibson; Marion m. James Shaw; Robert and Luther m. Agnes and Mary Batchelder. There were 11 children.
- iii. Robert,² m. Harriet Sheldon.
- iv. William,² m. 1st, Emma Pierce. 2d, Margaret Goodwillie. 7 chil., one of whom is Mrs. Robert Lackie of Jefferson Hill, Newbury.
- v. Agnes,² m. Elijah Clifford.
- vi. Susanna,² m. John McVane.
- vii. Bartholemew,² m. Bathsheba Page.
- viii. John,² m. Lucinda Harriman.

Another Bartholemew Somers, b. at Camberslang, Scot., 1772, came to Barnet in 1793. He was called "Black Bart," from his dark complexion. He settled by Moore's Pond on the farm afterwards owned by Harvey Somers, where he d. June 11, 1859. He m. Agnes Trumbull who came from Scotland to Craftsbury when 16 yrs. old. 3 chil. They have also many descendants.

JANET, dau. John and Janet Hyndman, b. Feb. 20, 1774, the 1st ch. b. of Scotch parents in Ryegate; m. Claudius Somers of Barnet (b. Sacahey Gray, Camberslang Parish, Scotland, 1757; d. Barnet, 1828.) She d. Sept. 30, 1847.

Children, as given by Mr. Mason.

- i. Robert, b. 1790; m. Sally Rockwell of Barnet.
- ii. Claudius, b. 1792; m. Janet McNab of B.
- iii. John, b. 1794; m. Katherine, dau. John McLaren.
- v. William, b. 1795; m. Sally ———.
- vi. Janet, b. 1800; m. Hiram Blaisdell of Peacham.
- vii. Agnes, b. 1802; d. 1820.
- viii. Alexander, b. 1805; m. Sarah Eames.
- ix. Bartholemew, b. 1807; m. 1st, Phebe Herbert. 2d Mary Kidder.
- x. Margaret, b. 1810; m. James Freeland.
- xi. Hyndman, b. 1812; d. 1831.
- xii. Mary, b. 1814; m. Noah Partridge.
- xiii. Flora, b. 1818; m. L. F. Waterman.

JOHN,¹ b. Glasgow, Scotland, 1740; came to America 1795 and cleared the James Gibson farm in Barnet, afterwards lived at McIndoes, and d. 1818. His wife d. at Wm. Galbraith's, who m. their dau. in 1824, aged 84. Besides this daughter only two chil. are mentioned, William (1) and John (2).

- 1 WILLIAM,² (John,¹) b. Glasgow, Scotland, 1778; came with parents to Am. 1795; m. 1804, Janet, dau. John Buchanan. Bought of her father the farm owned by the late Wm. L. Somers, where he d. suddenly Aug. 4, 1850. She d. Dec. 14, 1853.

Children:

- i. Anna,³ b. 1805; m. John Brock of Barnet.
- ii. Nancy,³ b. Oct. 27, 1806; d. May 8, 1890; m. Capt. Robert Gibson, q. v.
- iii. Janet,³ b. 1808; d. in Cal. Dec. 18, 1888; m. William Gibson, q. v.
- iv. Marion,³ b. 1810; d. June 28, 1863; m. James Smith, q. v.
- v. John,³ b. 1812.
- vi. Caroline,³ b. March 20, 1815; m. Moses Noyes, q. v.
- 3 vii. William London,³ b. March 24, 1817.
- ix. Claudius,³ b. 1819; m. 1st, April 12, 1848, Agnes, dau. John² Gibson, (b. Nov. 26, 1821; d.) 2d, Jan. 16, 1866, Janet Samuels.
- x. Phebe B.,³ b. May 17, 1823; m. Wm. F. Gibson, q. v.; d. March 10, 1901.

- 2 JOHN,² (John,¹) b. Scotland, Dec. 18, 1785; came to Am. with parents, lived with them till 1812, then bought of his father-in-law the farm where the late Harvey Dunn long lived. He m. Isabel, dau. John Buchanan (b. Jan. 8, 1785; d. Jan. 15, 1845.) He d. Aug. 28, 1870.

Children:

- 4 i. Claudius,³ b. 1808.
 ii. Eliza,³ d. at 22.
 iii. Agnes,³ b. Nov. 6, 1810; m. Alden Brock, q. v.
 iv. Anna,³ (twin to Agnes) seems to have d. Aug. 1896.
 v. Eleanor,³ b. Feb. 17, 1813; d.
 vi. Moses,³ b. March 9, 1815; m. Sally Woodward of Danville and lived there.
 vii. Jennett,³ b. Oct. 4, 1816; m. James M. Daniels.
 viii. Maria,³ b. July 24, 1818; m. John Smith, q. v.
 ix. Archibald,³ b. Sept. 26, 1819. Went to Iowa and d. there 1867. He m. Harriet Morrison.
 x. Reuben,³ b. June 17, 1823; m. Ruth Richardson. Went to Iowa.
 xi. Isabel,³ b. Dec. 28, 1825; m. ab. 1852, Alvin Farnham of Peacham.
- 3 WILLIAM LOUDON,³ (William,² John,¹) b. March 24, 1817; farmer in Barnet. He m. May 9, 1844, Isabel, dau. William Gray (b. Ryegate, July 27, 1821; d. Barnet, Sept. 19, 1912.) Members of the United Pres. ch. in which he was an elder for several years. He d. March 6, 1902, bur. in Walter Harvey cem.

Children all born in Barnet.

- i. Albert Gray,⁴ b. Feb. 15, 1845. Went to So. Dak. Lawyer, and for six yrs. member of the House of Representatives, being speaker four yrs. Res. Summit, So. Dak.: un-m.
 ii. Frances Gray,⁴ b. July 27, 1846; res. Audoubon, Iowa.
 iii. Edwin R.,⁴ b. July 1, 1848; res. Audoubon, Iowa; farmer and stock dealer.
 iv. George Hamilton,⁴ b. July 30, 1850; res. Audoubon, Iowa; farmer and stock dealer; m. Annie Dykes of Gray, Iowa.
 v. Mary Elizabeth,⁴ b. Aug. 30, 1852; m. Nov. 21, 1871, Thos. B. Roy of San Geronimo, Cal.
 vi. Phebe Jane,⁴ b. Oct. 11, 1854; d. June 16, 1905; m. Dr. G. W. Darling of Ryegate, q. v.
 vii. William James,⁴ b. July 27, 1858; m. June 1, 1887, Effie B. Hackett of Manning, Iowa.
 viii. Jessie Emily,⁴ b. Oct. 24, 1860; m. Dec. 24, 1885, W. J. Newell of Audoubon, Iowa.
 ix. Charles Wendell,⁴ b. Nov. 18, 1864; m. March 30, 1892, Clara Belle, dau. Albert Hall of R. He d. Dec. 9, 1911. Ch. Harold Loudon,⁵ b. June 13, 1875.
- 4 CLAUDIUS,³ [called Cloud] (John,² John,¹) b. 1808. Lived in Mass. some years; ret. to homestead; prominent in town affairs, selectman, justice, and town rep., 1855-56. Sold his farm in R. and bought the Bachop farm in Barnet. He d. Feb. 28, 1887. He m. 1st, 1842, Rebecca Witham, who d. Jan. 5, 1849. They had two daus. Helen and Abigail who d. y. 2d Louise [Lee] widow of John Abbott, who d. Feb. 20, 1894.

Children:

- 5 i. Lee,⁴ b. Feb. 8, 1853.
 5 LEE,⁴ b. Feb. 8, 1853; farmer on homestead. He m. Feb. 28, 1872, Mary Ann, dau. Wm. Hunter. He d. Dec. 28, 1876, a short time after attending the Centennial at Philadelphia, and making a trip to Iowa. His widow m. 2d, Claudius Brock, q. v.

Children:

- i. Clara Louise,⁵ b. Barnet, Dec. 31, 1872; m. Joseph M. Moulton; res. Rutland, Mass. 3 ch.



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- ii. William Claudius,⁵ b. Barnet, Nov. 15, 1874; owns his grandfather's farm.
- iii. Lee,⁵ b. Barnet, Feb. 26, 1877; m. Oct. 30, 1901, Carolyn K., dau. Gilmore Morrison. Res. So. Ryegate. Ch. (1) Leland Pluy,⁶ b. March 25, 1904. (2) Dwight Lawrence,⁶ b. Sept. 24, 1905. (3) Gwendolyn,⁶ b. May 18, 1907. (4) Beulah,⁶ b. Jan. 30, 1909. (5) Ruth Viola,⁶ b. March 8, 1911.

STEWART.*

This family claims descent from a Norman, who came with William the Conqueror and whose son became steward of Scotland in the early part of the 12th century. The pioneer ancestor in America was Allan,¹ b. about 1755 at Cromdale, on the Spey, Invernesshire, in the Scottish Highlands. He was apprenticed to a tailor and was a member of Lt. Col. Sir Alexander Campbell's Highland regiment. This regiment was drafted for service in America at the beginning of the revolutionary war, and he was rejected on account of his low stature. He secreted himself on board the vessel, and was allowed to take his place in the ranks. The vessel was captured by the Americans. Col. Campbell was sent to the prison at Concord and afterward exchanged for Ethan Allen. Stewart not being enrolled was kept in prison for some time, but released on condition that he exercise his trade for the benefit of his captors, which he did for four years. He then enlisted in the Am. Army, credited to the town of Dunstable (now Nashua.) N. H., mustered July 6, 1780, into Capt. Proctor's Co. of Col. Cilley's reg.; discharged Dec. 15, 1780. Served also in the army for the town of Amherst from July 25, to Dec. 15, 1781. He settled in Dunstable; m. Mary Berry, and in 1790. exchanged his property there for wild land in Ryegate, where he removed that year, the land being the farm afterward owned by Edward Miller, Sr., and later by James Miller. In 1806 he built the house now standing on that farm. His wife d. on the Jesse Heath farm about 1835, and he went to live with his son John in Barton where he d. Jan. 28, 1846; both are bur. in Groton. After July 25, 1832, he received a pension of \$76 per an.

Children:

- i. Mary,² m. William Craig, q. v.
- ii. Francis,² m. Sally Bedell.
- iii. Betsey,² m. Luke Higgins of Ryegate.
- 1 iv. Allan,² b. April 22, 1786.
- 2 v. John,² b. April 29, 1797.
- vi. Margaret,² m. Sept. 28, 1811, Robert Armstrong who d. in the army in the war of 1812.
- vii. William W.,² d. un-m. at 27 years of age.
- 1 ALLAN,² (Allan,¹) b. Dunstable (now Nashua) N. H., April 22, 1788. He m. July, 1809, Mary, dau. Alexander Miller (b. Ryegate, Feb. 15, 1789; d. April 27, 1848.) They lived in R. till 1815, rem. to Canada and kept a grocery store near Quebec, 4 yrs. Ret. to R. and was a farmer where Mr. Exley lives at So. Ryegate, building a log house on a knoll south of the present buildings. His sons Allan and Duncan bought the farm and erected the present buildings. He m. 2d. Aug. 7, 1851, Sarah Scales of Peacham and built a house near Quint's mill where he d. Aug. 9, 1873. He was a member of the Covenanter ch. 62 yrs.

Children:

- i. John Crawford,³ b. Jan. 30, 1810; d. Jan. 9, 1814.
- ii. Jean,³ b. July 17, 1811; d. April 30, 1816 in Canada.
- iii. Mary³ b. March 29, 1814; m. John Conant of Lowell, Mass. Ch. (1) John Harlan,⁴ who left a dau., Mrs. Lizzie Derbyshire of Lowell. (2) Henry Allen (dea.) No ch.

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- iv. Adeline,³ b. May 30, 1816; m. Jan. 1, 1840, Morrill Ingalls. Lived at So. R., between Mr. Exley's and the cemetery. Had a son Samuel, who d. un-m., and a dau. Ellen, who m. Wm. Sloane and had a son. Both are dead. Mr. Ingalls d. at So. R., and she m. 2d, a Mr. Abbott of Rumford, Me., and d. there. Jan. 31, 1874.
- v. Margaret Allen,³ b. May 22, 1818; m. as 2d w. Horace W. Stevens; d. Oct. 3, 1874.
- vi. Jane Allen,³ b. April 18, 1820; m. Norman Harris; d. in Lowell, Mass., June 16, 1844.
- vii. Alexander Miller,³ b. June 17, 1822; d. Oct. 11, 1832.
- 3 viii. Allan,³ b. Aug. 4, 1824.
- 4 ix. Duncan,³ b. Feb. 4, 1826.
- x. Eliza,³ b. Jan. 1, 1828; d. Nov. 20, 1851.
- xi. Nancy Miller,³ b. March 21, 1829; d. Sept. 10, 1848.
- xii. Lillias,³ b. Sept. 12, 1832; m. as 1st w. Horace W. Stevens; d. Nov. 28, 1863. Ch. (1) Melissa,⁴ who m. George Forbes. (2) Alonzo,⁴ d. un-m.
- 2 JOHN,² (Allan,¹) m. Janet, dau. Alexander McDonald (b. April 29, 1797; d. They settled in Barton. 6 ch. Allan, Alexander, William, Mary B., Eunice and Alvin.
- 4 DUNCAN,³ (Allan,² Allan,¹) b. Feb. 4, 1826. With his bro. Allan he bought his father's farm, and built the house now standing on the premises. Farmer there till 1860 when he rem. to Topsham and bought on George Hill the farm now owned by Duncan McKay, which he sold in 1866, and opened a general store at E. Topsham with Jacob Mills, Jr., as partner. In business there till 1880 when he ret. to a farm where he d. Sept. 10, 1882. He m. Sept. 20, 1849, Margaret, dau. Archibald Ritchie (b. Kilmalcolm, Scotland, Oct. 22, 1830) Member of Ref. Pres. ch. at Ryegate Corner and later at Topsham, in which he was a ruling elder. After her husband d. she rem. to So. Ryegate, then to Manchester, N. H., later to York, Me., where she d. Sept. 23, 1905. Member of Ref. Pres. ch. while in Ryegate and Topsham and of Cong. ch. York Village at time of death.

Children:

- 5 i. John Conant,⁴ b. June 19, 1850
- ii. Archibald Ritchie,⁴ b. April 1, 1852. d. Dec. 15, 1864.
- iii. Mary Elizabeth,⁴ b. May 19, 1858; m. Topsham, Oct. 9, 1883, Charles B. Sturtevant, b. Barton. Vt., April 2, 1850 (son of Paschal and Louise A. [Harvey]), grad. Dartmouth Med. Coll., 1874; in practice at New Boston, N. H., and Manchester. She d. Manchester, June 3, 1898. Ch. (1) Florence Anna,⁵ b. April 4, 1886; grad. Manchester High School and Bradford (Mass.) Acad.; m. June 15, 1912, Harry W. Taplin of Franklin, Mass., gt. gt. gr. son of Col. John Taplin of Newbury. (2) Edith Margaret,⁵ b. April 7, 1890; grad. Manchester High School; teacher in kindergarten, So. Manchester, N. H.
- 3 ALLAN,³ (Allan,² Allan,¹) b. Ryegate, Aug. 4, 1824; m. Sept. 1859, Cecilia Egbert; rem. to Livonia, N. Y.

Children:

- i. Ida R.,⁴ b. prob. Newbury, Sept. 11, 1860; m. at Buffalo, N. Y., April 17, 1884, Harvey H. Curtiss (b. Geneseo, N. Y., Dec. 30, 1848.)
- ii. William H.,⁴ b. Livonia, N. Y., April 17, 1868; res. Batavia, N. Y.; m. 1st, Sept. 29, 1888, J. Lillian Mulligan (b. Jan. 28, 1868; d. Dec. 9, 1892.) 2d. Nov. 30, 1900, Mayme Florence Carney, b. March 9, 1878. Ch. by 1st m. (1) Margaret L.,⁵ b. Jan. 10, 1890. (2) Jennie Frances,⁵ b. April 4, 1892.
- iii. Barstow J.,⁴ b. March 9, 1878; m. Nov. 14, 1891, Rose Curry b. July 28, 1876. Ch. (1) Louise,⁴ b. Feb. 29, 1892. (2) Allan,⁴ b. July 6, 1893.



DUNCAN STEWART.



MRS. MARGARET (RITCHIE) STEWART.



CHARLES B. STURDEVANT, M. D.



MRS. MARY E. STURDEVANT.



- 5 JOHN CONANT,³ (Duncan,² Allan,¹) b. Ryegate, June 19, 1850; ed. select schools in Topsham and Peacham Acad. Grad. Dartmouth College, June, 1873, teaching while in college. Studied medicine with Dr. Jasper J. Hazen at York, Me.; grad. Dartmouth Med. Coll. June, 1876 as valedictorian of his class. In practice at York, Me., 11 yrs.; in 1877, went into a transportation business between Portsmouth, N. H., and Cape Niddock, Me. Surveyed the York Harbor and Beach R. R. In business of various kinds alone and with partners, insurance, banking and real estate; is a director in several railroad companies, also has copper interests in Arizona, and in manufacturing near home. Trustee and treasurer of Children's Heart Work Society of Maine and member and director of the Civic League of Maine. Began to study law, 1888; ad. to the bar June, 1895, in practice York Village. Member of several benevolent and historical societies and benevolent fraternities; member of Royal Arcanum, Knights of Pythias and has high rank in Masonry; holds high office in the Order of the Golden Cross; identified with the Good Templars and has traveled all over Maine in the interest of temperance work. State senator 1891-92 in which he was chairman of committee on temperance; mem. of committee on Banks and Banking and others. Has held various town and county offices, and served as delegate to several Republican Conventions, temperance and medical assemblies. At present writing, Sept. 1912, he is a candidate for Presidential elector.

STUART.

CLAUDIUS,¹ b. Rosebury, near Glasgow; came to Am. in 1775, in the last vessel sailing from Scotland before the American war. He reached New York June 22, 1775; lived in Old Hadley, Mass., one year; came to Newbury and settled on the farm now owned by John S. Bone, which he named Rosebury, after his home in Scotland. He lived there about two yrs., then bought land of Col. Harvey in Barnet, still the homestead of the family. His father was also named Claudius and was a tallow chandler. Died in West Barnet aged 100 yrs. and four mths., and bur. in Stuart cem.; name of wife on head stone.

Children:

- i. Betsey,² b. Glasgow; m. Robert Brock of Barnet.
- ii. Walter,² never m.
- iii. James,² m. Dorcas Fuller.
- iv. William,² went to Jamaica as a surgeon from Glasgow; came to America on a visit about 1805; started to go to Lyman with his bro. James, and in crossing the river at McIndoes one of the horses which was in the boat put his foot through the bottom, which caused the boat to sink, and Dr. Stuart and his brother were drowned. Both bur. in Stuart cem.
- v. Marion ² m. Col. Rankin of Danville.
- 1 vi. Alexander,²
- vii. John,² m. Wealthy Willey, gt. grandmother of Horace F. Graham of Craftsbury, State Auditor.
- 1 ALEXANDER,² (Claudius ¹) b. 1768; came to America with parents; settled on part of the land which his father bought where he lived and died; m. Sarah, dau. John Abbott, b. March 22, 1772. He d. 1840.

Children:

- i. Walter,³ b. May 13, 1794; m. Rachel McKinley in 1822.
- ii. Job,³ b. Aug. 10, 1796; m. Mary Blanchard, 1820.
- 2 iii. William,³ b. Aug. 22, 1798.
- iv. John,³ b. June 22, 1800; m. Betsey Brock. 4 ch. all living, Cloud, James, Hannah and Sarah A.
- v. Janet,³ b. March 30, 1807; m. Reuben Hight.

- vi. Phebe,³ m. Theodore Farrow.
- vii. Alexander,³ b. Aug. 8, 1814; m. Helen Strobbridge.

2 WILLIAM,³) Alexander,² Claudius,¹) b. Aug- 22, 1798; farmer on homestead; captain in old militia. He m. by Rev. James Milligan Jan. 4, 1822, Jane, dau. Alexander Whitelaw, half brother of Gen. James Whitelaw, in whose family she was reared (b. Dec. 26, 1803; d. May 15, 1875.) He d. April 1, 1879.

Children:

- i. Sarah,⁴ b. Oct. 8, 1822; m. March 7, 1854, Ira S. Dickey of Wayland, Mass. She d. May 8, 1894. Ch. William,⁵ and Eliza Jane,⁵ both dead.
- ii. Charles,⁴ b. June 7, 1825. m. Dec. 23, 1852, Lois, dau. William Gray. They went to Osceola, Ill., in 1855, started a village named Stuart about the year 1870 in Iowa. He d. June 9, 1889, at Osceola. Ch. William,⁵ Isabel,⁵ and Elizabeth,⁵ who m. John Beattie of Ryegate.
- iii. Alexander Hamilton,⁴ b. 1830; d. Feb. 11, 1843.
- iv. William,⁴ b. May 29, 1833. Had his right arm cut off in a threshing machine, 1854. Owns the John Stuart farm in Barnet. He m. Mrs. Emeline (Wesson) Parker of Phillipston, Mass., who d. June 20, 1880. Ch. (1) Emeline J.,⁵ b. July 16, 1886. (2) Abigail,⁵ b. Dec. 1868; m. Henry Badger of W. Danville.
- v. Mary Jane,⁴ b. Oct. 3, 1836; died May 27, 1873.
- vi. Marion,⁴ b. March 17, 1838; edu. Peacham and St. J. Acads. Teacher 40 yrs., first near home then among the freedmen in the south four yrs.; then in the Juvenile Asylum, N. Y. City for many years, except for a few years in Chicago; ret. to Barnet, res. with her sister in Newbury for a time, but d. in Barnet on the homestead Aug. 26, 1910. Member of Episcopal ch.
- vii. Abbie H.,⁴ b. Sept. 7, 1843; m. April 8, 1891, John Smith, a prominent farmer and business man of West Newbury (b. June 21, 1832; d. March 22, 1910) She d. at Brightlook Hospital, March 14, 1910; Bur. at W. Newbury.
- viii. George,⁴ b. May 7, 1847; farmer on homestead and res. at St. Johnsbury. He m. Sarah, dau. James Ritchie of Greensboro. Ch. James Hamilton (of McIndoes) and Mary Alice who died May 27, 1875.

SYMES.

ALEXANDER,¹ b. in Scotland; came to Ryegate in May, 1774, and was the first who brought a family into the town. He was one of the Scotch Company and in the list is put down as belonging to the "Barony Parish of North Kenmuir, Glasgow," and by trade a "gardener." He purchased the land owned in 1860 by Wm. J. Gibson and now by Wesson Sargent. No list of chil. can be had. One was Campbell, q. v. Another Agnes, m. James Henderson. Alexander Symes and his wife are believed to have been original members of the Ass. Pres. ch. He is supposed to have d. in 1787 and his wife in 1790, or about that time. Both bur. in the "Old Scotch Cemetery."

CAMPBELL,² (Alexander,¹) b. Paisley, 1757; came to America with parents. He was m. at Newbury, Dec. 20, 1788, by Rev. Jacob Wood, to Abigail Doyen, sister of John Doyen who settled in Ryegate. They came from Pembroke, N. H., and settled on the farm now owned by the Brock Bros. The Doyens were a Scotch-Irish family. He d. April 27, 1829; she d. 1836; bur. in Blue Mt. Cemetery.

Children:

- i. Abigail,³ b. Oct. 16, 1787; m. 1st, Jan. 8, 1833, by Rev. Wm. Pringle, Capt. Ephraim Morse of Craftsbury, who d. 2d, 1840, Jonas Tucker of West Newbury, who d. March 23, 1856. She ret. to Ryegate and d. Dec. 14, 1881; bur. in Oxbow Cem., Newbury.

- ii. Agnes,³ b. July 20, 1791; m. William Buchanan, q. v.
- 2 iii. Alexander,³ b. Nov. 13, 1792.
- iv. James,³ b. July 2, 1794; d. 1813.
- 3 v. Robert,³ b. April 7, 1796.
- 4 vi. Campbell,³ b. Nov. 9, 1797.
- 5 vii. William,³ b. July 14, 1799.
- 6 viii. John H.,³ b. Oct. 4, 1801.
- 7 ix. David,³ b. July 24, 1803.
- x. Daniel,³ b. Jan. 17, 1806. School teacher in Kentucky where he d.
- xi. Timothy,³ b. Jan. 31, 1807. Lived and d. near Baltimore, Md. Has one dau. there now.
- xii. Margaret Jane,³ b. April 18, 1815; m. George Donaldson, q. v.
- 2 ALEXANDER,² (Campbell,² Alexander,¹) b. Nov. 13, 1792; m. May 4, 1819, Margaret Gilfillan. He d. Sept. 4, 1865; she d. March 2, 1885.

Children:

- i. Margaret Janet,⁴ b. Dec. 13, 1820; m. Oct. 1, 1846, James H. McIntire.
- ii. Abigail,⁴ b. Feb. 24, 1826; d. May 27, 1836.
- iii. Caroline H.,⁴ b. July 12, 1828; m. Nov. 30, 1848, Wm. McIntire; d. April 27, 1856.
- iv. Rebecca,⁴ b. March 18, 1831; d. May 16, 1853.
- v. James Renwick,⁴ b. Sept. 4, 1833.
- vi. Josiah⁴ b. May 7, 1836; d. July 13, 1874.
- vii. Charles H.,⁴ b. Feb. 11, 1838; not in the Symes record.
- viii. Harriet Alma,⁴ b. Nov. 10, 1842; d. June 4, 1865.
- 3 ROBERT,³ (Campbell,² Alexander,¹) b. April 7, 1796; farmer; his farm is now owned by Wesson Sargent; also an excellent mechanic, building his house in 1824. One of the leading, active and influential men of the town. Orderly Sergeant in the old militia, chosen captain of the light infantry when formed in 1826, drilled the men but did not take out a commission being a Covenanter. He became a member of the Ref. Pres. at So. Ryegate, and was an elder there many years. Left them and united with the United Pres. ch. about 1855, and installed an elder Oct. 16, 1856. Was also precentor many years. He was a tall and very active man. He m. Jan. 24, 1826, Jane, dau. Robert Hall (b. April 11, 1808; d. July 26, 1881.) He d. Jan. 5, 1880

Children:

- i. Sarah Maria,⁴ b. June 24, 1827; d. Oct. 2, 1853.
- ii. Lucinda Jane,⁴ b. July 24, 1828; m. Jan. 1, 1859, Alexander McLaren of Barnet; d. Dec. 31, 1903.
- iii. Mary Ann,⁴ b. April 22, 1830; m. Jan. 16, 1866, Carlos Gilbert; d. Sept. 1903.
- iv. Horace K.,⁴ b. Jan. 7, 1832; m. 1859, Carrie White; d. July 2, 1861.
- 8 v. John H.,⁴ b. Dec. 5, 1833.
- vi. Algernon S.,⁴ b. Feb. 22, 1836; d. Sept. 8, 1859.
- vii. Henriette,⁴ b. March 8, 1838; d. April 17, 1890.
- viii. Abigail,⁴ b. Dec. 6, 1840: m. Wm. A. Vance, q. v.
- ix. Cynthia,⁴ b. Oct. 1, 1843; m. Oct. 15, 1867, by Rev. G. M. Wiley, Wm. John McDuff; d. April, 1910.
- x. Oscar,⁴ b. Jan. 31, 1847; m. 1872, Julia Wells; d. May 31, 1891.
- xi. Kate McAdam,⁴ b. May 29, 1851; m. April 4, 1883, Charles Brock; res. Denver, Col.
- 4 CAMPBELL,³ (Campbell,² Alexander,¹) b. Nov. 9, 1797; m. Dec. 28, 1824, by Rev. Jas. Milligan, Phebe Johnson. Farmer. Members Ref. Pres. ch. He d. 1854; she d. April 12, 1879.

Children:

- i. William James,⁴ b. Dec. 22, 1825; m. March 6, 1856, Marion, dau. John Anderson, b. May 3, 1836. Res. Ryegate.
- ii. Samantha R.,⁴ b. Sept. 18, 1827; m. William Whitehill, q. v.
- iii. Jacob P.,⁴ b. Sept. 10, 1831; m. ab. 1860 Huldah Beach; d. 1907.

- iv. Sarah Elizabeth,⁴ b. 1834; d. in ch.
- v. Emmaline,⁴ b. June 23, 1838; m. 1864, Wm. Merrill.

- 5 WILLIAM,³ (Campbell,² Alexander,¹) b. Ryegate, July 14, 1799; m. 1827, Janet Robertson, dau. Mrs. Wm. Henderson by 1st m. (b. Balfour, Scot., April 5, 1808. They moved to Monroe, where their house was burned in 1842, with 2 chil. in it. Ret. to Ryegate and lived on the James Nelson place; rem. to Lunenburg, thence to Duxbury, Mass.; d. Oct. 16, 1895.

Children all born in Ryegate.

- i. Catharine,⁴ burned to death in their house in Monroe.
- ii. Jeanette,⁴ b. June 14, 1830; m. Frederick Marker, a German, Jan. 29, 1874. He d. 1893. Res. in Wayne Co., Mich.
- iii. James Robertson,⁴ b. Sept. 18, 1831; enlisted in Co. I, 3d Vt. Reg. in 1861; served 3 yrs. He m. 1860, Arabella Frances Drew. 3 ch., Res. Boston, Mass.
- iv. Isabel,⁴ burned to death in Monroe.
- v. Gilbert,⁴ b. March 23, 1833; d. 1846.
- vi. William H.,⁴ b. Nov. 6, 1837; enlisted in the 45th Mass., in the civil war; served in No. Carolina. He m. 1st, Sept. 13, 1866, Julia V., dau. Robert,² (Alexander,¹) Miller (b. Sept. 27, 1840; d. Dorchester, Mass., June 17, 1876.) Bur. Blue Mt. Cem. 2d, Mary E. McKay of Salem, Mass., who d. a year later. 3d, Mrs. Josephine Manchester. She d. Oct. 16, 1895.
- vii. Agnes H.,⁴ b. May 21, 1840; d. April 16, 1884.
- viii. Jeanette,⁴ b. March 2, 1843; res. Barton and Mich. Res. Ryegate 1885, caring for her aunts.
- ix. Albert A. C.,⁴ b. Nov. 6, 1846; served in Reg., in the civil war; mortally wounded at the battle of Cold Harbor, June 3, and June 26, 1864. at David's Island, near New York and bur. in Greenwood cem.
- x. Robert A. Hill,⁴ b. Dec. 1849; d. 1868.

Infant,⁴ (twin to above) d. two days later.

- 6 JOHN HENDERSON,³ (Campbell,² Alexander,¹) b. Ryegate, Oct. 4, 1801; studied theology in a Philadelphia Seminary; licensed by Phila. Presbytery, May 22, 1827; entered Dartmouth Coll. and grad. 1830. Home Miss. 2 yrs. Pastor Ref. Pres. ch. Cumberland, Md., 1845, '62; chaplain of 2d Maryland Vols., in the Union army, 1862 to end of the war; pastor 1st Pres. Ch. Camhahocken, Penn., from Nov. 16, 1867, till death Nov. 28, 1874. He m. by Rev. Mr. Wylie, March 7, 1833, Catharine McAdam of Philadelphia.

- 7 DAVID,³ (Campbell,² Alexander,¹) b. July 24, 1803; m. Oct. 29, 1829, by Rev. Mr. Sweatton, Mary Wilson of Ballston, N. Y. Time of death unknown. His farm is now owned by Wesson Sargent and the house built about 1828.

Children:

- i. John Wilson,⁴ b. Sept. 2, 1830; m. July 28, 1875, Jennette Burr. He d. Feb. 4, 1907; she d. 1890.
- ii. William Angus,⁴ b. April 24, 1833; d. July 20, 1905.
- iii. Mary Angelica,⁴ b. July 4, 1835; m. D. S. Carrick.
- iv. Edwin,⁴ b. Feb. 17, 1838; d. Sept. 26, 1861.
- v. Timothy,⁴ b. March 8, 1841; d. June, 1864.
- vi. David,⁴ b. March 24, 1844.
- vii. Catherine Margaret,⁴ b. Oct. 20, 1846; m. E. E. Webster.
- viii. David,⁴ b. March 24, 1848.
- ix. Joseph Shearer,⁴ b. July 24, 1849; d. Sept. 7, 1885.

- 8 JOHN H.,⁴ (Robert,³ Campbell,² Alexander,¹) b. Dec. 5, 1833; farmer; enlisted in 45th Mass., in the civil war. He m. Jan. 16, 1866, Phebe, dau. A. H. Brock. Farmer on part of homestead. The present house was built by Robert Symes.

Children:

- i. Robert Harvey,⁵ b. July 15, 1867; res. Wells River.
- ii. Richard,⁵ b. Feb. 7, 1869; d. Dec. 10, 1871.
- iii. George Hall,⁵ b. June 13, 1870; m. Feb. 17, 1902, Gertrude Swetman. Res. Wells River. In automobile bus. with his brother.
- iv. Edward Erwin,⁵ b. Nov. 7, 1871; m. Nov. 7, 1893, Ida E. Holmes.
- v. Arabella,⁵ b. Aug. 24, 1873; m. April 19, 1899, Geo. Gebbie, q. v.
- vi. Horace Sidney,⁵ b. March 23, 1877; m. Sept. 25, 1901, Hannah M., dau. Edwin Holmes; d. Jan. 26, 1908. Ch. (1) Charlotte.⁶ (2) Ethel.⁶
- vii. Lilla Jane,⁵ b. Dec. 13, 1878; m. 1st, Sept. 4, 1902, George C. Corliss, who d. May 13, 1905. 2d, Dec. 1910, George Murphy.
- viii. Ethel Janet,⁵ b. July 28, 1882; m. Feb. 2, 1905, Colin McDonald of Ryegate; farmer on the "old Leitch place."
- ix. Wilbur Henry,⁵ b. May 13, 1884; grad. Cornell Univ. June 1909; m. Oct. 1912, Bessie Gregory of Marion, Vt., where they reside.
- x. Arthur John,⁵ b. Dec. 15, 1885.

TAPLIN.

- I. COL. JOHN TAPLIN,¹ b. Charlestown, Mass., 1727. Captain of a company of troopers in the Crown Point Expedition from Southborough, Mass., 1756; in same war with rank of Colonel 1757-58. Grantee of Haverhill, N. H.; settled in Newbury 1764. Judge of Court of Common Pleas; grantee of Corinth and settled there. He m. Hepzibah Brigham (b. 1731; d. Dec. 27, 1815.) From them are descended some of the best known families in the state. He d. Nov. 9, 1803. 10 ch.
- II. CHARLES,² 6th ch. Farmer in Corinth; m. Martha Chamberlin. 10 ch.
- III. MANSFIELD,³ 2d ch. Farmer in Corinth; m. Elizabeth Rowe. 6 ch.
- IV. JACOB,⁴ farmer in Topsham; m. Nancy Cilley. 5 ch.
- V. CHARLES H.,⁵ (Jacob,⁴ Mansfield,³ William,² Col. John,¹) farmer with his father in Topsham till the death of parents. Rem. to R. Feb. 1903, having bought the farm of F. J. Doe between So. R. and the Corner, "the old McLure place." He m. Oct. 26, 1881, Margaret Sophia, dau. James McLam.

Children all b. in Topsham.

- i. Linwood James,⁶ b. Dec. 24, 1882; grad. Montpelier Sem. 1903. Res. Northfield, Vt.; asst. cashier Northfield Nat. Bank. He m. Oct. 12, 1909 Evelyn Newton Grove of Somerville, Mass.
- ii. Edgar,⁶ b. Oct. 3, 1885; Edu. in Topsham and So. Ryegate schools; farmer with his father.
- iii. Arthur Ernest,⁶ b. June 7, 1892; edu. Wells River H. S.; grad. Norwich Univ., 1912. Civil Engineer in No. Carolina.
- iv. Ethelyn Irene,⁶ b. July 24, 1897; attending Newbury High School.

TAYLOR.

ARCHIBALD,¹ came from Kitts, Erskine Parish, Renfrewshire, Scotland. He m. Mary Ferguson, sister to John Ferguson the first miller at Boltonville. They came to Ryegate, Feb. 1, 1775, and took possession of Lot. No. 113. He was one of the Scots-American Co., and a cooper by trade. He lived on the farm on which John Whitcher afterward long lived and now owned by A. M. Whitelaw. He d. Nov. 22, 1785; she d. about 1820; they are buried on their own farm near the Newbury line.

Know all men by these presents that I, James Whitelaw of Ryegate in the County of Orange and State of Vermont, agent for the Scotch American Company of Farmers hereby bond and oblige myself that if Archibald Taylor will oblige himself, his Heirs and Assigns to pay whatever Taxes or Public Burdens may be laid on Lots No. 108, 109, 110, 111 and 112 of the South Division of Ryegate, he shall have the peaceable possession of them, without any molestation, till the proper owner of said lots either comes to them or

sends orders concerning them,—and said Taylor hereby binds and obliges himself his Heirs and Assigns that whenever the proper owner either comes or sends any person to take up his lots, he will then forever quit and relinquish all his titles and pretensions to said lots and improvements,

In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 15th day of May, 1783.

Signed, sealed and
delivered in the
presence of us,

JAMES HENDERSON,
ANDREW BROCK.

JAMES WHITELAW,
ARCHIBALD TAYLOR.

[Whitelaw Papers.]

On the 31st of March, 1795, Matthew Park, late farmer in Langhaugh, in the Parish of Erskine, now of Paisley, constituted John Holmes of Kilmaccolm, and Alexander Holmes of Inchinnan, attorneys to sell Lots 110 and 111 and Robert McKenzie, farmer, late of Glenshinoek, Erskine, constituted the same as attorneys to sell Lot 112, all in the south division.

On the 20th of July following, these men conveyed to John, James and Archibald Taylor, "heirs of the late Archibald Taylor," the three lots above mentioned. [Town Records.]

Children: The oldest born in Scotland.

- i. Mary,² b. March 4, 1764; m. Dea. Andrew Brock, q. v.
- 1 ii. John,² b. 1757.
- iii. Jean,² b. 1770; m. Jonathan Gates, q. v.
- 2 iv. Archibald,² b. 1773.
- 3 v. James,² b. Ryegate, 1776.
- 1 JOHN,² (Archibald,¹) b. Scotland, 1773; d. 1818; m. Martha (called Aunt Patty) Hunt.

Children:

- i. John F.,³ b. Jan. 22, 1792.
- ii. William W.,³ b. March 19, 1793.
- iii. Elizabeth,³ b. Nov. 24, 1794; m. Walter S. Wright, q. v.
- iv. Mary,³ b. June 13, 1798.
- v. Archibald,³ b. July 23, 1802.
- vi. Robert B.,³ b. Sept. 10, 1808,
- 2 ARCHIBALD,² (Archibald,¹) b. Scotland, 1773. Came to Ryegate with parents; m. Feb. 16, 1802, Janet, dau. Wm. Craig (b. March 26, 1783.) In 1816 they were living near Auburn, N. Y.

Children:

- i. Margaret,³ b. Dec. 4, 1802.
- ii. Mary,³ b. Feb. 12, 1805; m. 1st, ab. 1827, Moses Emerson b. (in Maine, 1803.) They separated and she m. ab. 1844, Daniel Cash, and d. ab. 1867. Ch. by 1st m. (1) Alma,⁴ b. 1829; m. Jonathan Randall. (2) Janet,⁴ b. Sept. 7, 1830; m. March 9, 1852, Wm. H. Page. (3) Nancy.⁴
- 4 iii. William,³ b. April 6, 1807.
- iv. Catherine,³ b. Nov. 9, 1810; m. William Kendall of Dunstable, Mass.
- v. Robert,³ b. Aug. 27, 1813.
- 7 JAMES,² (Archibald,¹) b. Ryegate, 1776, the first male child b. in this town. Lived near Boltonville and was a carpenter. He was quite a character and composed rhymes, also humorous pieces one of which upon a ball at the opening of the factory at Boltonville is preserved. He m. by Rev. David Sutherland, Feb. 9, 1804, Lydia, dau. Abraham Alexander of Groton. He d. about 1834, and she m. 2d, Enoch Nelson of Newbury and d. 1857.

Children-

- i. Archibald Crawford,³ b. Aug. 4, 1806. Never m.
- ii. Jean,³ b. Sept. 11, 1809; m. Nathaniel Knight, q. v.
- iii. Eliza,³ (twin to Jean) m. John Collins.
- iv. David Sutherland,³ b. Oct. 17, 1811; m. Sarah Ann Hunt.
- v. Rose,³ b. April 22, 1814; m. William Belknap.
- vi. Ebenezer,³ b. March 29, 1817; d. Malden, Mass., Feb. 2, 1892; m. Abigail Durant.

- vii. Mary Ann,³ b. Sept. 14, 1819; m. Anna Wardwell Chamberlin.
- viii. William,³ went to Massachusetts.
- ix. George,³ lived in Franklin, N. H.
- x. Caroline,³ m. Alvah Banks of Corinth.
- 4 WILLIAM,³ (Archibald,² Archibald,¹) b. April 6, 1807; d. July 2, 1871; m. Mary, dau. Alexander Holmes (b. Sept. 10, 1798; d. Feb. 4, 1860.)
Children:
 - i. Janet,⁴ b. June 6, 1831.
 - ii. Mary Jane,⁴ b. Aug. 3, 1832.
 - iii. Matthew Holmes,⁴ b. Nov. 20, 1834; m. May 22, 1869, Jenny Lind, dau. Josiah and Rachel (Orr) Emery. He d. 1878.
- Children:
 - i. Joseph William,⁵ b. Nov. 16, 1870; m. March 7, 1900, Margaret McKinnon of Boston. Ch. (1) Jenny Lind,⁶ b. Sept. 23, 1901. (2) Lauchlin McKinnon,⁶ b. Sept. 14, 1902.
 - ii. Charles Daniel,⁵ b. April 27, 1873; learned the stone cutter's trade at St. Johnsbury, and was for the last six yrs. of his life foreman at South Ryegate for M. H. Gibson. He d. May 1, 1904. Ch. (1) William Harold,⁶ b. July 15, 1902. (2) Charlena Ida,⁶ b. Jan. 18, 1905
 - iii. Lillian Belle,⁵ b. Sept. 22, 1877; d. April 23, 1912; m. William Thompson, q. v.

THOMAS.

WILLIAM¹ Thomas of Rye, N. H., who was a grantee of Ryegate under the Wentworth charter, m. it is believed, Maria Matthews and d. ab. 1794. He never lived in R. but his sons James and John received his land, amounting to 230 to 250 acres.

Mr. Mason says that John and James Thomas came here in 1798, and the latter's name first appears on the Grand List of that year, but the following account in Col. Frye Bayley's account book preserved in the library at Newbury seems to imply that John was here several years before that time.

NEWBURY, Feb. 2, 1779.

I have this day agreed to let John Thomas of Ryegate have ten ewe sheep and he is to keep them four years and return to me in the month of June annually, one pound of washed wool for each sheep, and at the end of four years he is to return me the sheep if alive, or as many others in good marketable condition, and one-third of their increase.

JAMES,² (William,¹) b. at or near Rye, N. H., June 12, 1764; m. Margaret Clemonds, (b. Aug. 25, 1768); came to Ryegate, 1798 and settled on land which he bought of his bro. John. He d. Ryegate, Dec. 6, 1831; she d. in Lunenburg, Oct. 12, 1848.

Children,

- i. Polly,³ b. Rye, Feb. 2, 1792; m. Walter Roben q. v.
- ii. John,³ b. Rye, Sept. 22, 1793; d. un-m. 1867 at Ryegate.
- iii. William,³ b. Rye, Jan. 20, 1796; went west in 1819.
- iv. Sarah,³ b. Rye, 1798; d. at 23.
- v. Anna,³ called Nancy, b. Ryegate, Aug. 26, 1800; m. Daniel McDonald.
- 1 vi. James,³ b. July 16, 1802.
 - beth, dau. Alexander Cochran.
- vii. Archibald,³ b. June 4, 1804; d. Dec. 12, 1806.
- viii. Margaret,³ b. Oct. 27, 1806; d. Aug. 25, 1815.
- ix. Eliza,³ b. July 17, 1809; d. Aug. 31, 1862; m. John R. Scales. 4 ch., who all d. in Sept. 1853, and are bur. with their mother at Lunenburg.
- JOHN,² (William,¹) came from Rye, N. H., before 1795, and bought the farm afterwards owned by his son Joshua. He m. Judith, sister of Moses and aunt to the late Wells Goodwin. Served in the war of 1812, and d. at home of disease contracted in the army.

Children (dates of birth from town records.)

- i. William,³ b. Dec. 1, 1793. Is said to have served in the war of 1812; came home and staid awhile, was taken and shot as a deserter.
- ii. John,³ b. June 1, 1795. Mr. Miller says he m. Eliza McDonald. lived in Sheffield or Wheelock, had twin sons who m. twin sisters, both marriages on the same day.
- iii. Judith,³ b. Dec. 4, 1796; m. James Gray of Sheffield.
- iv. Polly,³ b. Nov. 28, 1798; m. John Berry of Sheffield.
- 2 v. Joshua,³ b. March 1, 1801.
- vi. Hiram,³ b. June 20, 1803; went to Boston.
- vii. Abigail,³ b. March 22, 1805; went to Cal.
- viii. Margaret,³ b. Feb. 7, 1807; d. in N. Y. City.
- ix. Abram,³ b. May 31, 1809; d. ab. 1883; m. a Miss Kemp of Haverhill.
- x. Archibald,³ b. June 16, 1811; went to Montana.
- 1 JAMES,³ (James,² William,¹) b. Ryegate, July 16, 1802; farmer, and captain in the old militia. He m. March 1, 1832, Elizabeth A., dau. Alexander Cochran (b. Ryegate, Jan. 27, 1814; d. Lunenburg, Dec. 2, 1898). They rem. to Lunenburg in 1842, buying a large farm on Connecticut river, where they lived till his death, Nov. 4, 1873. The farm was then sold and she lived with her children, going to the far west in old age to visit her sons. Member of Pres. ch. in Ryegate, and of the Cong. ch. at Lunenburg.

Children:

- i. Martin W.,⁴ b. Ryegate, Jan. 9, 1833; d. July 17, 1882. He m. 1st, Anna Green. One son, Odar, who res. Glassport, Penn. 2d, Elizabeth Turner. One s. Fred, who res. in New York City.
- 3 ii. Palmer,⁴ b. Ryegate, July 16, 1835.
- iii. Lewis,⁴ b. July 16, 1837; m. Clara Williams of Lyman, N. H. He enlisted 1st, Oct. 29, 1861, in Co. A, 7th N. H., dis. July 28, 1863. 2d, Dec. 1, 1863 in Co. K, 8th Vt.; dis. and ret. home. He d. in Lunenburg of disease contracted in the army Aug. 16, 1864.
- v. Susan,⁴ b. Ryegate, Feb. 28, 1840; m. 1860, William A. Folsom of Lancaster, N. H., where she d. May 23, 1899. Ch. (1) Alice E.,⁴ a stenographer, Nat. Life Ins. Co., Montpelier, Vt. (2) Percy James,⁴ res. Chicago.
- vi. Henry,⁴ b. Lunenburg, Oct. 7, 1842; d. Dec. 31, 1850.
- vii. Raymond,⁴ b. Lunenburg, Aug. 26, 1845; m. Roxy Snow. One dau., Mattie. They went to No. Dakota, 1885. In fruit and confectionery bus. at Portland, No. Dak., till d. Jan. 8, 1903. She d. Aug. 1904.
- viii. Oscar,⁴ b. Lunenburg, July 11, 1848; enlisted Dec. 1863 at the age of 15 yrs. five mos. in the 8th Vt.; soon prom. corporal and served till the close of the war, having many narrow escapes being in several battles. He m. 1st, Fattie Silsby of Lunenburg, who d. 1874. 2d, Flora Barton of Maiden Rock, Wis., who d. 1888. 3d, Mrs. Maude Wait. He d. Chinook, Montana, Nov. 23, 1900. Three ch. by first w, of whom only one sur., Mrs. Henry Curtis of Stratford, N. H.
- ix. Kate L.,⁴ b. Lunenburg, Dec. 20, 1851; m. Jan. 1872, Henry F. Warren of L. Merchant. No chil.
- x. William,⁴ b. Lunenburg, April, 19, 1853; now in telephone bus. at Millbank, So. Dak. He m. May 3, 1878, Frances A. Hall of Springfield, Mass. Chil. George and Donald.
- 2 JOSHUA,³ (John,² William,¹) b. March 1, 1801; m. Sarah Maria, dau. Robert G. Allen.

Children (dates and names from town records.)

- i. Eliza Jane,⁴ b. June 14, 1832; d. Feb. 25, 1834.
- ii. Sarah Jane,⁴ b. Sept. 8, 1834.
- iii. Martha Ann,⁴ b. June 7, 1836.
- iv. Isabel,⁴ b. May 6, 1838.
- v. Lucina,⁴ b. Aug. 21, 1837.
- vi. Arvilla,⁴ b. May 30, 1841.

vii. Frank,⁴ b. Aug. 3, 1845; killed at the battle of Lee's Mills, April 15 1862. Mem. Co. F, 3d Vt.

- 3 PALMER,³ (James,² James,¹) b. Ryegate, Jan., 16, 1835; went to Wis. about 1849, and lived at Maiden Rock till he enlisted in 1862, in Co. A, 20th Wis., and served till the end of the war. Began farming in the "Big Woods," then storekeeping some years; then in failing health, kept a small farm till death. He m. 1st, Augusta Snow of Lunenburg, who d. at Ono, Wis., July 11, 1873. He m. 2d, at Ono, Nov. 18, 1874, Etta V., dau. Capt. Robert Gibson (b. Ryegate, Aug. 12, 1838.) He d. at Ono, April 11, 1900, and bur. there.

Children:

- i. Elsie,⁴ b. Nov. 12, 1875; m. at Ono, Nov. 11, 1898, John Carmichael. Ch. Donald,⁵ and Lynn.⁵ The latter d. at six mos. of age.
- ii. Brunet,⁴ b. Feb. 12, 1878; m. March 7, 1898, at Ono, George Martin (b. 1872.) Ch. Richard,⁵ and Dorothy.⁵
- iii. Kate,⁴ q. July 12, 1880; m. at Maiden Rock, Wis., May 11, 1903, G. Porter Smith (Sept. 4, 1880.) Ch. Gilbert P.,⁵ and R. Maxwell.⁵

THOMAS.

ABRAHAM and Rebecca (Barker) Thomas came from Andover, Mass., and settled in Bath. Their son John, a blacksmith at Bath, m. Jan. 11' 1843 Mary, dau. John Peach of Newbury (b. 1816; d. March 22' 1857.) He d. May 2, 1850, and she moved to West Newbury, and is bur. on Jefferson Hill.

Children, Peach and Lydia.

The latter m. Feb. 18, 1867, C. A. Newman of Lunenburg; rem. to Austin, Minn., now reside in Orange, Cal. 3 sons, 2 daus.

PEACH,¹ Thomas, b. Bath, Oct. 10, 1843; m. July 15, 1868, Mary Jane, dau. Alden and Irene (Prescott) Tucker of Newbury. Farmer on Jefferson hill; rem. to So. Ryegate; is also dealer in livestock; selectman, 1906-'07. Mrs. Thomas d. Sept. 22, 1905.

Children:

- i. John,² b. Newbury, Feb. 28, 1872; grad. March 25, 1897, from the Am. Vet. Coll., N. Y. City; practicing veterinarian at Wells River. He m. Oct. 25, 1880, Annie, dau. James D. Grant (b. Vinalhaven, Me., July 22, 1874.) Ch. James Grant,³ b. Sept. 7, 1911.
- ii. Horace T.,² b. Newbury, Aug. 9, 1874; grad. in a course of Mechanical Engineering from Mich. State Agri. Coll. Chief engineer and a stockholder in the R. E. O. Motor Car Co., Lansing, Mich. He m. Oct. 2, 1906, Blanche Elizabeth Freeman of Grand Rapids, Mich. Ch. (1) Mary Josephine,³ b. Dec. 13, 1909. (2) Alden Peach,³ b. June 17, 1911.
- iii. Jessie Irene,² b. Nov. 18, 1877; d. July 20, 1879.
- iv. Son,² b. April 28; d. May 20, 1881.
- v. Son,² (twin to above,) d. May 14, 1881.
- vi. Charles P.,² b. Ryegate, Oct. 5, 1886; grad. from Mich. State Agri. Coll. (Mechanical Dept.) June 11; emp. by the R. E. O. Motor Car Co., Lansing, Mich.

THOMPSON.

WILLIAM, b. Derby, Vt. Came to R. while young and was foreman on the W. W. Wright farm for several years. Bought the M. R. Gray farm at the Corner, Road commissioner in R. 9 yrs. April 1909, supervisor of roads for Caledonia Co. He m. June 23, 1898, Lillian Belle, dau. Matthew and Jenny (Emery) Taylor (b. Sept. 22, 1877; rem. with her mother after her father's death to St. Johnsbury and grad. at the academy; teacher; mem. of the U. P. ch. and organist for several years. She d. at the Mary Hitchcock Hospital Hanover, N. H., April 23, 1912. Ch. Raymond Charles. b. Feb. 20, 1904.

TRASK.

GEORGE S.,¹ son of Timothy Trask (b. Brentwood, N. H., 1789; d. July 1st 1856) and Lois [Scott] his wife (b. Machias, Me., Aug. 26, 1784; d. Aug. 23, 1858.) He m. Dec. 15, 1858, Mary E., dau. Reuben Chamberlin (b. Barnet, 1842.) Lived in Farmington, N. H., Haverhill, Mass., and Dover, N. H. Farmer in Ryegate in the n. e. corner of the town some years. Rem. to Dover, N. H., 1911.

Children:

- i. Louis H.,² b. Farmington, N. H., Nov. 29, 1860.
- ii. Alice M.,² b. Haverhill, Mass., Feb. 19, 1866; d. Aug. 10, 1867.
- iii. Winfield S.,² b. Dover, N. H., May 31, 1874.

TWADDLE.

ROBERT Twaddle, whose name is spelled Tweedale by Whitelaw, b. 1735, at Douglas, Lanarkshire, Scotland; m. Margaret , b. 1741. Came to America 1771, and to Ryegate, Oct. 8, 1774. Did not belong to the Scotch Co. Rem. to Barnet ab. 1778, and was one of the first elders in Seceder ch. in Barnet. Settled on the the farm owned in 1860 by W. R. W. Stevenson; afterward bought where Peter Lindsay lived in 1860. Died there, March 18, 1825, in 90th yr. She d. April 11, 1840, at 99. Both bur. at Barnet Centre.

VANCE.

This family originated in the north of Ireland, the emigrant ancestor settling in Connecticut. The first to settle in Vermont was John, who came to Caledonia Co. at an early date.

DAVID,² (John.¹) b. in Conn., 1778, settled in the west part of Groton and became quite wealthy. Captain in the old militia many years; town rep. 14 successive years. Rem. to the east part of the town and d. about 1853.

Children (dates of birth from Groton town records).

- i. David,³ b. May 16, 1809; m. Maria Morse.
- ii. William,³ b. Oct. 24, 1810; m. Elizabeth Ricker.
- 1 iii. Aaron,³ b. Oct. 14, 1812.
- iv. Betsey,³ b. Aug. 23, 1814; m. Marvin Whitcher.
- v. Abigail,³ b. Oct. 5, 1816; m. McLane Marshall.
- vi. Daniel,³ b. Aug. 31, 1818; m. Angeline Clark.
- vii. Jane,³ b. Aug. 15, 1820; m. Joseph Crosby.
- viii. Stephen,³ b. Aug. 12, 1822; m. Maria Hall.
- ix. Hannah,³ b. Aug. 6, 1824; m. George Hatch.
- x. Nathan,³ b. Oct. 8, 1826; m. Maria Benjamin.
- xi. George,³ b. May 17, 1829; m. Janet Jenkins.
- xii. Olive,³ b. April 12, 1831; m. 1st, Sayer Leet. 2d, Jothan Holland.
- 1 AARON,¹ b. Groton, Oct. 14, 1812; farmer and shoemaker. He m. May 3, 1838, Lucinda Ann, dau. Jonas and Nancy [Johnston] Tucker (b. Newbury, Nov. 10, 1818; d. Houston, Minn., March 27, 1900.) They were not separated more than one month altogether in their 61 years of married life. Rem. to Barnet, 1840, South Ryegate, 1848, to Minn., 1866. His house and shop stood where the Darling store building is. He d. Jan. 4, 1906. Members of Baptist ch. in Groton.

Children:

- i. Geo L.,² b. Groton, March 13, 1839; edu. common school and Newbury Seminary. Clerk in Government service, Washington, 1864-'70; grad. Columbia Coll. Law School; in furniture business at Joliet, Ill., till death. Vice President of Will Co. Nat. Bank; deacon in Baptist ch., S. S. Supt. and in charge of lay missions in and about Joliet; pres.

of Y. M. C. A. Traveled in Europe and Asia, 1895; candidate for Congress against Joseph Cannon, late Speaker. He m. 1st, April 29, 1868, Elizabeth K. Fowler of Washington, who d. Joliet, Nov. 6, 1872. 2d, July 19, 1877, Jennie Lewis of Joliet. He d. Aug. 19, 1905.

Children:

1. George A.,³ b. April 21, 1869; cashier of Will Co., Nat. Bank; m. June 27, 1894, Helen I. Taxis of Joliet; d. July 28, 1904. Ch. Margaret,⁴ Dorothy,⁴ b. April 25, 1896 (twins), George,⁴ b. Jan. 22, 1900.
2. Grace,³ b. Sept. 1872; m. 1899, John Redding of Houston, Minn. Ch. Elizabeth,⁴ Allen.⁴

By 2d marriage.

3. Beulah,³ b. Aug. 7, 1881; m. June 20, 1905, Raymond C. Cummins of Chicago. Ch. Vance Stuart,⁴ b. Nov. 3, 1906.
- ii. David Elmore,² b. W. Barnet, Jan. 6, 1841; taught school on Wallace Hill and Jefferson Hill, Newbury; enlisted June 13, 1862 in the 9th Vt., in the civil war; must. out June 17, 1865; in Chicago in grocery store of Oscar Blake formerly of Newbury; teacher at Money Creek, Minn., 1866-77; studied law at Winona, ad. to the bar June 1879; in partnership there with A. N. Bentley and later with J. A. Tawney, now member of Congress; elected Judge of Probate Nov. 1900, still in office. Has held responsible positions in societies and fraternities. He m. at Winona, by Rev. William McKinley, Nov. 20, 1879, Alice Maybury of W. Ch. (1) Jessie Marion,³ b. Aug. 6, 1880; d. July 30, 1904. (2) Mary Alice,³ b. Sept. 2, 1881. (3) Albert Elmore,³ b. May 11, 1883. (5) Stanley Maybury,³ b. Aug. 10, 1885.
- iii. William A.,² b. Barnet, April 5, 1843; farmer at Houston, Minn. He m. 1st, March 13, 1872, Mary Gray who d. Nov. 1872. 2d, Jan. 12, 1875, Abigail, dau. Robert Symes (b. Ryegate, Dec. 6, 1840.) Ch. (1) Hattie Bell,³ b. Jan. 29, 1876; m. Charles Metcalf of Spring Grove, Minn. Ch. Charles.⁴ (2) Ethel May,³ b. July 25, 1877; m. Abe Abrahamson of Rushford, Minn. Ch. Marion Isabel.⁴ (3) Annie Gray,³ b. April 11, 1879; m. E. O. Abramson, Houston.
- iv. Albert N.,² b. Barnet, June 9, 1845; grocer at Decorah, Iowa; m. May 12, 1874, Ida Dunbar. Ch. (1) Louisa,³ (2) Albert,² (3) Austin.³
- v. Nancy Jane,² b. Barnet, Aug. 13, 1847; m. Houston, Minn., Oct. 2, 1871, Dewitt C. Dyer (b. Florence, N. Y., Oct 2, 1841.) He served three yrs. in the civil war; merchant at Houston, Minn. She has been blind since 1881.

Children all born Houston, Minn.

1. Mabel Lucinda,³ [Dyer] b. July 12, 1872; m. July 9, 1892, Alfred C. Abramson; res. LaCrosse, Wis. Ch. (a) Merrill Dyer,⁴ (b) Amy Gertrude,⁴ (c) Marjorie N.⁴
2. Dewitt C.,³ [Dyer] b. April 22, 1874; in bus. Houston, Minn.; m. Jan. 6, 1896, Marie G. Case. Ch. Daphne M.⁴
3. George Elmore,³ [Dyer] b. Sept. 8, 1876; grad, Minnesota Univ., afterwards the Law School, three yrs. course. In practice Caledonia, Minn.
4. Maud Gertrude,³ [Dyer] b. June 21, 1878; d. May 19, 1885.
5. Arthur Grant,³ [Dyer] b. Aug. 6, 1880; merchant at Sheldon, Minn.; m. June 20, 1907, Jessamine C. Raymond. Ch. Jane Elizabeth.
6. Genevieve B.,³ [Dyer] b. Dec. 7, 1882; m. May 17, 1898, David Lowe Stine; lawyer at Minneapolis.
7. Dana Leslie,² [Dyer] b. July 11, 1886; farmer.
- vi. Nicholas White,² b. So. Ryegate, Oct. 31, 1849; went to Minn. with parents; in farming and teaching, then in mercantile and banking bus. Now member of the firm of Eaton, Vance & Co., Aberdeen, So. Dak., builders of dwellings for sale or rent. He m. Aug. 14, 1879, Elizabeth J. Burns of Caledonia, Minn. b. there Nov. 6, 1856; edu. at C. and grad. at Winona, Minn. High School. Ch. (1) Macha L.,³ b. Minn. Lake, Feb. 6, 1881; m. Nov. 28, 1907, D. L. Grannis, a lawyer

- in So. St. Paul, Minn. Ch. (1) Vance,⁴ b. Sept. 3, 1908. (2) David L.,⁴ b. June 24, 1910. (3) Marjorie E.,⁴ b. Wolsey, So. Dak., Aug. 19, 1885.
- vii. Abigail,² b. So. Ryegate, Nov. 23, 1851; m. Oct. 13, 1873, Calvin Clark Vance, son of William Vance, (b. Groton, 1851.) Res. Money Creek, Minn.
- viii. Aaron,² b. So. Ryegate. April 2, 1854; went to Minn. with parents; edu. at Winona, Minn. Has been in the furniture bus. at Joliet, Ill., for 33 yrs. He m. March 24, 1878, at Huron, So. Dak., Clara M. Birdsell b. Riceford, Minn. 1860. Ch. (1) Cecile,³ b. Nov. 2, 1879, at Houston, Minn.; m. July 3, 1905, Charles A. Clement of Joliet. Ch. Ruth,⁴ b. at J. Oct. 16, 1908. (2) Bernice,³ b. July 21, 1887 at Joliet. (3) Richard V,³ b. May 3, 1894 at J.

WADDELL.

JOHN,¹ b. Erskine, Scotland, 1732. His grandfather, William Waddell lived in Galloway, in 1656 and was one of those who were persecuted for non-conformity in the reign of Charles II, was sentenced to be banished to Botany Bay. They were put on board a vessel at Leith, and after sailing were driven by contrary winds into the northern isles, where they were abandoned by the captain and the seamen, who left the ship in the long boat, after fastening down the hatchways by order of the captain, leaving the prisoners to perish in the midst of the storm. While they were being secured one of the sailors threw down into the hold an adz and a broad axe. With these tools William Waddell cut a hole through the vessel's side, between wind and water through which 75 persons got upon the rocks, while the ship was being broken up by the violence of the waves. They eventually reached the mainland, where they were kept in hiding till after the persecution. When William Waddell had settled in Erskine and before the end of the persecution he was frequently pursued by the King's troops, and would have been shot had he been found. James, his son, was father to John who came to America in 1774, having bought land of the Inchinan Co. before he left Scotland. He built a house in what was intended to be the "city" in R., where he lived about 8 yrs., then sold to Peter Lang, and rem. to Barnet where he bought land of Willard Stevens (the farm was owned by W. R. W. Stevenson in 1860). He m. 1761, Rebecca Allison. b. 1739. He lived R. 10 years, before he sent for his family, who came in 1784 and they all went to Barnet and settled there. He d. Sept. 26, 1822, aged 90. She d. March 23, 1795, aged 56.

Children all born Erskine.

- i. Jane, b. Dec. 1761; m. John McLaren.
- ii. Jennet, b. July 19, 1763; m. Wm. Gilfillan, q. v.
- iii. Margaret,² b. May 7, 1735; m. Robert Laird of Newburyport.
- 1 iv. John,² b. July, 1767.
 - v. Rebecca,² b. April 25, 1770; m. John Brown of Newbury.
 - vi. Helen,² b. July 23, 1772; d. un-m.
 - vii. Marion,² b. July 6, 1774; m. John Hunter, q. v.
- 1 JOHN,² (John,¹) b. July, 1767; farmer in Barnet; rem. to Jefferson Hill, Newbury, 1815; m. about 1795, Susanna Patten of Candia, N. H. He d. Nov. 12, 1858; she d. March 22, 1849; bur. on Jefferson Hill.

Children:

 - i. Elizabeth,³ b. Barnet, 1796; d. Dec. 3, 1862; m. Andrew Lackie of Barnet.
 - ii. John,³ b. Jan. 26, 1798; m. Feb. 12, 1832, Mary Wheeler. Mechanic at Boltonville. He d. Feb. 26, 1860; she d. Nov. 22, 1880. 5 ch.
 - iii. Jane,³ b. Feb. 1798; never m. Lived on Jefferson Hill and d. Aug. 13, 1896; 92 yrs., 6 mo,

- iv. Rebecca,³ m. as 2d w. Samuel Gibson of Newbury.
- v. William,³ farmer on the line between Bath and Haverhill.
- vi. Robert,³ never m. Lived on Jefferson Hill; d. Dec. 18, 1880.
- vii. Janet,³ b. Aug. 3, 1808; m. May 22, 1848, as 2d w. James Halley of Newbury; d. July 9, 1877.
- viii. James,³ b. 1812; mechanic in Groton; m. Angeline George of Topsham; d. Groton, July 18, 1846; she d. Dec. 2, 1848.

WALLACE.

The Wallace family of East Ryegate is of Scotch descent, the emigrant ancestor coming to Connecticut, the family removing to Leicester, Mass., where one James Wallace is understood to have been born and where he lived in 1732. John, one of his children, b. 1736, m. at Pelham, Mass., Oct. 31, 1761, Agnes Lindsey, and they settled at Colerain, Mass., where four ch. were b. to them. He was a soldier in the revolutionary war his name appearing on the roll of Capt. Hugh McClellan's Co. of Col. David Wells' regiment. After the war he is understood to have become one of the first settlers of Franconia, N. H. His 3d son David, b. Colerain, Mass., April, 1770, m. Nancy Palmer, Sept. 15, 1799. They res. at Franconia and he became a proprietor of Littleton, N. H. Eight ch., the 5th Hiram,¹ b. at L., Nov. 27, 1808; m. at Northfield, Vt., by Rev. Calvin Granger, March, 1836, Lovina dau. James and Rhoda (Jones) Pike. They settled at Concord, Vt., where he held several town offices and was a captain in the old militia. Universalist. He d. at Rochester, N. H., March 12, 1889; she d. at Ryegate. Nov. 2, 1897, aged 80 yrs., 7 mos., 8 days.

Children, all b. in Concord, Vt.

- i. James Bradford,² b. Dec. 12, 1838; farmer in Concord; m. Mary J. Kenyon. Ch. (1) Hiram³ of Malden, Mass. (2) William,³ of Hanover, N. H. (3) Jennie, (Mrs. Freeman Hutchinson of Kirby, Vt.)
- 1 ii. Charles M.,² b. Oct. 24, 1844.
- iii. Richardson Jones,² b. Oct. 10, 1846; settled in Rochester, N. H. 2 daus. one d. y. Gertrude⁴ m. Herbert Bumford.
- iv. Frank Edward,² b. June 28, 1851; res. in Rochester, N. H.; m. Alice Mooney of St. Johnsbury. Ch. Inez,³ d. y. Edith,³ and Fred.³
- v. George William,² b. April 5, 1856; res. Salem, Mass.; m. Josie Nelson. Ch. Norman,³ Harry,³ Edna,³ Hazel³
- 1 CHARLES MARRELL,² (Hiram,¹) b. Oct. 24, 1844. Edu. at public schools and Essex Co. Grammar School; served in the civil war one and one-half yrs., in Co. G, 17th Vt. Reg., was wounded May 6, 1864, and April 2, 1865; mustered out at close of the war; member of G. A. R., and has been commander of Col Preston Post; member of I. O. O. F. Came to Ryegate, 1870; station agent at E. Ryegate 30 yrs.; postmaster 18 yrs.; has held various town offices and was town representative in 1908. He m. 1st, at St. Johnsbury. Feb. 7, 1867, by Rev. L. O. Brastow, Amanda, dau. Capt. Wm., and Amanda [Fletcher] Buck (b. Concord, Aug. 5, 1840; d. R., April 6, 1896.) 2d, Aug. 17, 1909. Mrs. Delia D. [Gilbert] Quimby.

Children:

- i. Mary A.,³ b. Feb. 1, 1869; teacher; m. July 27, 1896, Ervin M. Willis.
- ii. Mabel L.,³ b. July 24, 1872; m. Dec. 26, 1893, Charles W. H. Wilson. Ch. Louise Ellen,⁴ Belinda Amanda,⁴ Winifred G.,⁴ Charles W. H.,⁴ Gordon E.,⁴ Eleanor Mabel.⁴
- iii. Winifred E., b. Nov. 8 1874; m. 1st, Walter D. Gilchrist (p. 476.) 2d, July 28, 1903, Frank H. Powers (p. 500).
- iv. Blanche Amanda,³ b. Feb. 17, 1877; m. July 27, 1889, Walter A. Renfrew, q. v.
- v. George Buck,³ b. April 11, 1879; merchant at E. Ryegate. He m. June 21, 1910, Sara Helen Hall. Ch. Ruth.⁴

- vi. Laura Etta,³ b. Jan. 20, 1881; m. Sept. 26, 1906, Joseph F. Devins.
- vii. Edwin Charles,³ b. Feb. 26, 1883; m. May 10, 1910, Mrs. Mae Louise (Bunce) Colby. Ch. Charles Edwin.⁴
- viii. Eva Belle,³ b. June 11, 1886; m. April 6, 1910, Jay Chamberlin. Ch. Edith Frances.⁴
- ix. William Henry,³ b. Jan. 5, 1892.

WALLACE.

REV. WILLIAM SEWARD,* son of Thomas Wallace, is of Scotch descent, his paternal gr. father b. Largo, Fifeshire, April 19, 1804. Came to Am. ab. 1822. His wife, b. Jan. 6, 1807, was of English parentage. Of their 8 chil. Charles C., was a Presbyterian clergyman of considerable note, who filled several important pulpits, and was widely known as a writer. He m. Nov. 17, 1860, by Rev. H. N. Burton, Mary S., dau. Abner Bayley of Newbury, who, since his death has res. at Newbury with dau. Grace B.

THOMAS,¹ another son, b. New York City May 6, 1836; m. Sept. 20, 1860, Mary Loweree. Moved to Georgia with his family in the early '70's, where he was an elder in the Pres. ch. at Quitman. Later came to East Boston, and finally to Chelsea, where in the great fire their home and all their effects were destroyed. He d. at So. Ryegate, Nov. 1908; bur. Westfield, N. J.

Children:

- i. Marie Louise Castle,² res. N. Y. City.
- ii. William Seward,² b. N. Y. Jan. 2, 1864; rem. with parents to Ga. when 12 yrs of age; grad. 1887, Davidson Coll., N. C., an institution of high rank in the south. Received Theological training at Columbia (S. C.) Seminary; ord. to Pres. ministry at Monticello, Fla., 1870; pastor Pres. ch. Palatka, Fla., 5 yrs.; supply Collegiate Ref. ch. N. Y. City, 1895; pastor Pres. ch., Cedartown, Ga., 1895-1900; began ministry at Ryegate, Jan. 1900, as pastor of 1st Pres. ch. Has been moderator of Presbytery and delegate to Gen. Assembly. Supt. of schools in Ryegate for several years. He resigned his pastorate from ill health Nov. 1911, lacking one month of completing 12 yrs. of very successful ministry. He received 73 members by profession and 26 by certificate, married 56 couples and officiated at 110 funerals. Now res. at Long Island City, N. Y., occasionally preaching. He m. at Kissimmee, Fla., April 10, 1890, Mrs. Susie D. Wilson of Clarksville, Tenn.

Children:

- i. Nina Birckbeck; d. in infancy.
- ii. William Dortch, ed. Chelsea (Mass.) H. S. Grad. with honorable mention from Norwich Univ., 1912; asst. Supt. Long Island City Gas Plant of the Consolidated Gas Co.

WARDEN.

ROBERT Warden was a farmer in Murdiestown, near Greenock Scotland in the year 1746, and paid rent to John Anderson. The following receipts for rent are owned by H. J. Warden.

Received from Robert Warden in Murdiestown the sum of Forty-Eight pound Scots money. In part of his Silver Rent Crop seventeen forty.six. At Greenock, the 9th Jan. 1747 year.

£48.

JOHN ANDERSON.

* Mr. Wallace was named for Hon. Wm. H. Seward, Mr. Lincoln's Secretary of State, and has an autograph letter acknowledging the fact, also some diplomatic correspondence presented by him.

Received from Robert Warden in over Murdiestown and Caurlock the sum of Sixty pound Scotts, four Shillings and ten pennies Scotts with Tynd Meal and Farm Meal paid to the Mansion house of Greenock and to the Minister and farmer pay'd Jan. 9 is in full of his rent Crop seventeen and forty-six year [1746].

At Greenock this 17th April 1747 year.

JOHN ANDERSON.

His sons were John, Gideon, and William. The latter born abt 1736 m. Isabel Laird of Kilmalcolm. In the spring of 1784, he with his family left Greenock for America. Came to Barnet and spent the first winter with John McLaren, near Barnet Ctr., where Milo S. McLaren now lives. On Jan. 19, 1785 he bought of James Smith of Ryegate, Lot No. 146 in Barnet, where Horace J. Warden now lives for "Ninety-five Spanish Milled Dollars." This land they cleared and erected buildings, and there he d. March 13, 1810 and his wife Aug. 6, 1837 aged abt. 96; bur at Barnet Ctr. William Warden took free-man's oath in Barnet, April 6, 1785, and was one of the 57 men who signed the call to Rev. David Goodwillie and most of his descendants were members of Presbyterian churches where their lot has been cast.

The descendants of William Warden are and have ever been very numerous in Barnet, Ryegate, Monroe and Bath. In this volume only those are given who have either lived in Ryegate, or are connected by descent with Ryegate families. These records are from Mr. Miller with additions by Horace J. Warden and others.

Children all born in Scotland.

- i. Jean,² b. abt. 1768; m. William Gilfillan of Barnet (b. Scotland, 1752; d. 1829.) She d. 1838; 5 ch., who settled in Barnet.
- ii. Isabel,² b. abt. 1770; m. 1792, Alexander Lang of B. (b. Scotland, 1752. d. July 19, 1825). He was a tailor by trade and was called "Tailor Lang." 9 ch. She d. May 15, 1827.
- iii. William,² b. 1771; lived in Barnet; m. Margaret Gilfillan; 6 ch., none of whom lived in R. He d. May 11, 1836; she d. June 29, 1858.
- 1 iv. James,² b. 1774.
- 2 v. Andrew,² b. 1776.
- vi. Margaret,² b. 1778; m. 1802, David Gilfillan, q. v. Lived in Barnet where Carl W. Lang now lives.
- 1 JAMES,² (William,¹) b. Greenock, Scot., 1774; came to Am. with parents; farmer on homestead. He m. June 28, 1804, Elizabeth, dau. William and Margaret Gibson of Ryegate (b. March 6, 1784; d. June 19, 1851.) He d. June 3, 1852; bur. at Barnet Ctr.

Children:

- i. Isabel,³ b. Jan. 14, 1806; m. June 24, 1824, Alexander Lang, Jr. He d. at St. Johnsbury, Feb. 26, 1864; she d. Marshalltown, Iowa, Nov. 3, 1872. 8 ch.
- 3 ii. William,³ b. Aug. 20, 1807.
- iii. Margaret,³ b. Aug. 10, 1809; m. Feb. 28, 1833, by Rev. Thos. Ferrier to Bartholemew Gilkerson of Barnet. He d. Nov. 28, 1876; she d. Sept. 26, 1869 at Rockville, Ill.
- iv. Elizabeth,³ b. June 28, 1811; m. March 17, 1842, Elisha Peck of St. Johnsbury. She d. Sept. 28, 1886. Mr. Peck made the casting for the first scale made by E. and T. Fairbanks.
- v. Jane,³ b. Jan. 1813; d. 1815.
- vi. Agnes G.,³ b. Sept. 28, 1815; m. Feb. 28, 1833, John Gilkerson. They went to Illinois, where she d. Sept. 8, 1898.
- vii. Jane L.,³ b. July 30, 1817; m. March 20, 1856 by Rev. J. McArthur, Elijah D. Harvey of Danville. They went to Ind. where he d. at Remington, Feb. 29, 1879. She d. Dec. 14, 1890 in Kansas.
- viii. Emily,³ b. Aug. 2, 1819; d. Nov. 3, 1859; m. William Miller of Ryegate, q. v.

- ix. Andrew,³ b. Sept. 17, 1821; m. at Haverhill, N. H., Jan. 4, 1855, Lydia, dau. Samuel Peters (b. R. June 30, 1825; d. June 21, 1908.) He d. Feb. 24, 1897. Lived and d. in Barnet. 6 ch. the west.
- x. Marion³ b. Nov. 9, 1823; m. April 24, 1851, by Rev. L. Worcester, Henry Phelps of Lunenburg. She d. Feb. 9, 1904.
- xi. James,³ b. Jan. 29, 1826; never m., d. in Iowa, Sept. 25, 1855; bur. at Barnet Center.
- xii. Robert,³ b. Oct. 1829; d. Jan. 1831.
- 3. ANDREW,² (William,¹) b. Greenock, Scotland, 1776; came to Am. with parents; m. ab. 1798, Margaret, dau. William Harvey (b. ab. 1772; d. 1843.) He settled 1st, on land which is now part of the farms of D. B. Fisk and Willis Plummer, near So. Ryegate, which he sold and bought that where the Liddle family have long lived, which he sold in 1832 and bought on the river road the farm which had been that of David Reid, where A. A. Miller now lives. He built the brick house in which he kept tavern till near his death in 1849. After his death the farm was sold to Samuel A. Moore, from whom it was bought by Robert Nelson in 1865.
- Children:
 - i. Isabel,³ b. Dec. 29, 1800; d. in Bath.
 - ii. William,³ b. June 28, 1802; m. Jane [Forsyth] widow of James Esden. Ch. Margaret,⁴ Jane,⁴ William,⁴ John.⁴ He d. E. Ryegate.
- 4. iii. David,³ b. Dec. 28, 1804.
- 5. iv. Harvey,³ b. Jan. 22, 1806.
- v. Margaret,³ b. July 7, 1808; m. Ethan Moulton. Lives and d. in Bath.
- 3. WILLIAM,³ (James,² William,¹) b. Aug. 20, 1807; farmer on homestead till Sept. 1876; rem. to So. Peacham, where he d. Nov. 7, 1882. He m. Feb. 13, 1840, Isabel, dau. Robert and Agnes [Gray] Nelson (b. Lyman, N. H., Nov. 9, 1816; d. Peacham, Aug. 7, 1897.)
- Children all born in Barnet.
- 6. i. Robert N.,⁴ b. Dec. 20, 1840. q. v.
- ii. Elizabeth J.,⁴ b. Feb. 20, 1843; d. Aug. 8, 1910; m. March 20, 1872, Amos K. Somers of Barnet, and res. at Passumpsic. Ch. (1) Mary Florence,⁵ [Somers] b. Jan. 22, 1874; d. April 17, 1896. (2) Gates B.,⁵ b. March 23, 1879. (3) Carrie Belle,⁵ b. July 20, 1883.
- iii. Cynthia A.,⁴ b. Jan. 3, 1846; m. Dec. 29, 1870, William C. Gleason of Barnet. He was killed by falling from a load of hay, July 11, 1893; she d. Nov. 16, 1888.
- Children:
 - 1. Horace Warden,⁵ [Gleason] b. Nov. 27, 1871.
 - 2. John C.,⁵ b. Oct. 15, 1874; m. Dec. 6, 1899, Grace Page of Monroe, N. H. Res. Ludlow, Vt. Ch. (a) Margaret E.,⁶ b. July 11, 1903. (b) Doris, b. June 1906.
 - 3. Walter Duncan,⁵ b. April 20, 1876.
 - 4. Charles Leslie,⁵ b. Sept. 7, 1880; m. Sept. 28, 1909, M. Olive Gertrude Prouty. Ch. Cloyes,⁶ b. July 2, 1910. Frederick,⁶ b. Feb. 1912.
 - 5. Margaret I.,⁵ b. Nov. 28, 1882.
 - 6. Mary E.,⁵ b. March 4, 1885.
- iv. Mary Althea,⁴ b. Sept. 13, 1849; teacher; res. with her parents till their death; res. St. Johnsbury.
- v. Horace James,⁴ b. June 9, 1852; farmer on homestead, which has been in the family 127 yrs. He m. 1st, Nov. 13, 1878, Margaret M., dau. Joel R. Dole of Danville and gr. dau. Gen. Stephen Dole. She d. July 31, 1899. 2d, Jan. 24, 1901, Laura, dau. Dea. Milo Lackie of Barnet. Ch. (1) Margaret E.,⁵ b. Feb. 14, 1902. (2) Mary L.,⁵ b. Oct. 9, 1904. (3) Robert L.,⁵ b. May 28, 1906.
- vi. Albert William,⁴ b. April 17, 1854; ed. St. J. Acad., and grad. in the Medical Depart., Vt. Univ. M. D. from N. Y. Univ., 1880; read law; surgeon at Mary Fletcher Hospital, Burlington; in practice at New

York City, N. Y.; surgeon several years for West Shore R. R.; held various public offices. In caring for a patient he received a slight wound on right hand which became infected and caused his death, Aug. 9 1904; bur. at Barnet Ctr.

vii. Abbie Arabella,⁴ b. Oct. 26, 1856; m. Sept. 2, 1885, Quincy A. Whitehill, q. v.

viii. Alice Emma,⁴ b. Nov. 23, 1858; attended St. J. Acad.; d. March 19, 1875.

4 DAVID,³ (Andrew,² William,¹) b. Dec. 28, town rec. 1803; fam. 1804; d. June 3, 1862; schoolmaster; kept store at Newbury about 1834-'36 in partnership with Dennison R. Burnham; m. Jan. 5, 1830, Christian, dau. John Bachop, Jr. She d. April 19, 1862. They lived in Bath and were ch. members.

Children;

i. John Bachop,⁴ b. Dec. 21, 1830; m. Dec. 25, 1862, Miss Duncan of Monroe; d. Bath, Jan. 11, 1869. 7 ch. all living.

ii. Andrew Harvey,⁴ b. Oct. 1, 1832; m. Oct. 31, 1861, Louise M. Flint; rem. to Hanover, N. H. 4 ch., the oldest of whom Christine A., was murdered at H. July 7, 1892. 3 ch. living.

iii. Alexander,⁴ b. March 30, 1834; m. Nov. 10, 1864, Lucy Flint; she d. Monroe, Nov. 21, 1890. He d. Sept. 1909.

iv. Mary Jane,⁴ b. Jan. 21, 1836; m. Aug. 14, 1860, Thomas M. Nelson, q. v.; d. July 23, 1891.

v. Juliette,⁴ b. Sept. 27, 1837; m. Sept. 26, 1861, Isaac M. Smith, a prominent business man at McIndoes. No chil.

vi. Christine A.,⁴ b. July 8, 1839; m. Aug. 9, 1865, William Sherburne; d. Jan. 4, 1878. 5 chil.

vii. David,⁴ b. July 7, 1841; d. June 3, 1908 in Cal.

viii. William Henry,⁴ b. April 30, 1843; d. in Cal. 1885.

ix. Oscar,⁴ b. March 11, 1845; m. Jan. 1, 1874, Lizzie B., dau. Hon. John Bailey of Newbury. 3 ch. He d. 1903.

x. Carlos,⁴ b. May 21, 1847; d. 1905 in Cal; never m.

xi. James Wallace,⁴ b. Nov. 6, 1849. Res. in San Francisco, Cal., not m.

5 HARVEY,³ (Andrew,² William,¹) b. Ryegate, Jan. 22, 1806. He m. 1st, Aug. 11, 1836, Mary, dau. John Bachop (b. 1810; d. May 20, 1847.) 2d, Nov. 7, 1849, Margaret, dau. Alexander Gibson (b. March 12, 1819; d. Feb. 5, 1885.) He d. Jan. 21, 1859. Merchant at W. Barnet from 1847 till death.

Children by 1st marriage.

i. George O.,⁴ b. Aug. 21, 1837; res. Manchester, N. H.; is married; merchant at W. Barnet some years.

ii. Harvey,⁴ b. May 30, 1839; d. at California Soldiers Home, Aug. 10, 1897.

iii. Helen Jane,⁴ b. Sept. 1, 1841; d. Sept. 21, 1858.

iv. Mary Ann,⁴ b. Feb. 21, 1843; d. un-m, Jan. 30, 1883.

v. Robert T.,⁴ b. Sept. 16, 1844; res. San Rafael, Cal. 3 sons.

By 2d marriage.

vi. Margaret C.,⁴ b. Aug. 9; d. Oct. 10, 1850.

vii. Sarah Jane,⁴ b. Nov. 6, 1857; m. Andrew C. Ritchie of West Barnet, q. v.

viii. Alexander D.,⁴ b. Dec. 19, 1852; in Boston and Manchester, N. H., 10 years; ret. to Barnet and went into business with A. C. Ritchie; holds town offices. He m. Jan. 29, 1887, Rosa J., dau. Wm. Roy (b. Oct. 7, 1858.) Ed. McIndoes and Peacham Acad. Ch. Roy H.,⁵ b. Jan. 14, 1892. Ed. St. J. Acad. and Goddard Sem.

ix. Infant,⁴ b. Nov. 12, 1857; d. y.

6 ROBERT NELSON,⁴ (William,³ James,² William,¹) b. Dec. 20, 1840. On homestead till 23 yrs. old; went to Manteno, Ill., then to Melbourne, Iowa, where he is an extensive farmer and stock grower. He m. 1st, Feb. 22, 1868, Julia, dau. Harvey Brock of Barnet, who d. Jan. 8, 1873. He m. 2d, Dec. 24, 1874, Laura McKean of Newton, Iowa.

Children:

- i. William M.,⁵ b. Nov. 5, 1875; m. April 8, 1903, Mary Plumb; res. near Melbourne, Iowa. Ch. (1) Vera E.,⁶ b. Sept. 16, 1905. (2) Mildred A.,⁶ b. March 16, 1907; (3) Robert Weston,⁶ b. Oct. 1, 1909. (4) Wm. Wallace, b. July 27, 1912.
- ii. Harlan E.,⁵ b. Nov. 27, 1877; m. Mar. 8, 1911, Mabel Blackburn.
- iii. Mary Alice,⁵ b. July 27, 1879; m. Aug. 14, 1907, Thomas S. Hunt; res. near Billings, Montana. Ch. Margaret Dorothy,⁶ b. May 24, 1909.
- iv. Marvin I.,⁵ b. Feb. 21, 1883; m. Oct. 14, 1908, Genevieve Dreher. Ch. Horace,⁶ b. May 27, 1911.
- v. Zella Isabel,⁵ b. April 16, 1885; m. Aug. 14, 1907, James Fred Ingalls; res. Green River, Utah. Ch. (1) John,⁶ b. Nov. 18, 1908. (2) Howard, b. Dec. 8, 1910.
- vi. Julia,⁵ b. Aug. 12, 1888.
- vii. Robert Paul,⁵ b. May 18, 1891.
- viii. Walter Albert,⁵ b. Feb. 14, 1893.

WARDEN.

JONATHAN,¹ came from Greenock, Scotland about 1842, landing in New York, with wife Joanna and 3 ch. Lived in Ryegate near Andrew Warden's for some time; rem. to Haverhill, N. H., and later to Bradford, Vt., where he d. June 3, 1869, and his wife July 24, 1856. He sold medicines extensively in N. H., and Vt., and was widely known as Dr. Warden, although not educated as a physician.

Children:

- i. Peter Lindsay,² b. June 4, 1830; learned the jeweler's trade of Henry Towle at Haverhill, N. H.; went to Talahassee, Florida, into the jewelry store of Towle & Myers; later in the same business for himself there. Went to Cuba for his health, and d. there Nov. 13, 1863, survived by wife.
- ii. Joanna,² b. Oct. 8, 1832; m. Sept. 28, 1872, Daniel Carpenter of St. Johnsbury (b. Oct. 8, 1832; d. June 20, 1894).
- iii. Joseph Mitchel,² b. Nov. 23, 1837; was engaged in the jewelry business at Bradford, Vt., continuously from 1858 till near his death; also telegraph operator. Supt. of the Cong. S. S. many years. He m. Oct. 7, 1876, H. Maria, dau. Edwin Fuller of Vershire. He d. June 15, 1911.

The precise connection of these two Warden families was unknown to J. M. Warden, who wished his family record inserted in this work.

WASON.

THOMAS,² (Thomas,¹) b. Corinth, Vt., Feb. 16, 1800. His father came from Candia, N. H., and settled on a farm still owned in the family. Wool carder and cloth dresser at Topsham, Groton and Boltonville till that trade fell into disuse. Farmer in Ryegate where Peach Thomas lives 1855-'61. Rem. to Corinth; Justice of the Peace and Associate Judge two terms of Caledonia Co. Court, also practiced law to some extent. (See Chapter xviii). P. M. at Boltonville 1841, till the office was discontinued for some years. He m. 1st, May 25, 1825, Martha, dau. Dudley and Susannah [Carleton] Browne (b. Newbury, March 11, 1803; d. Dec. 8, 1867). 2d, May A. E. Taplin of Corinth, who d. ab. 1904. He d. March 27, 1882, and with his first wife and two children is bur. at So. Ryegate.

Children:

- i. Caroline,³ b. May 16, 1826; m. May 20, 1845, Charles D. Nelson of Newbury. She d. July 6, 1884; bur. Kalamazoo, Mich. He d. ab. 1875. 3 ch.
- ii. Martha Jane,³ b. June 17, 1828; m. Dec. 6, 1868, John D. Collins of Barre, Vt.; d. Feb. 8, 1902; bur. Barre.

- iii. Hannah Kimball,³ b. Aug. 13, 1830; d. July 22, 1856.
- iv. Sarah,³ b. Feb. 18, 1833; m. Jan. 21, 1860, Joseph C. Lake of Quincy, Mass.; res. Barre, Vt. Mr. L. d. Quincy ab. 1875.
- v. George,³ b. Feb. 24, 1836; m. Oct. 15, 1867, Marcella Harris; d. June 8, 1872; bur. W. Corinth. 2 ch.
- vi. Thomas,³ b. Newbury, July 18, 1840; d. in his junior year at Dartmouth College. Aug. 12, 1860.
- vii. Henry Carleton,³ b. Newbury (Boltonville) July 6, 1844; ed. Com. Sch., and Corinth Acad.; Com. Course at Syracuse, N. Y. Acting Sec. and Treas. of Muskegon, Mich., Booming Co. In lumber business in Muskegon and Saginaw, Mich., till 1875; rem. to Toledo, O.; in wholesale and retail lumber bus. and farming. He m. Feb. 11, 1872, Lucena M. Arnold of Sandwich, Ill. No ch. He d. March 3, 1910. He gave \$100, the income to be used in the care of the Wason lot in So. R. cem.

WEBSTER.

PETER,¹ b. Salem, N. H.; m. Mary Webster and settled in the Lime-Kiln neighborhood in Newbury, where he d. Jan. 25, 1835; she d. May 26, 1861.

Children all born in Newbury.

- i. Hannah W.²
- ii. James,² lived in N.
- iii. Peter,² m. Mehitabel Perry.
- 1 iv. Stephen,² b. 1812.
- v. Mary,² m. Mr. Randall.
- vi. Anna,² m. Josiah Dow of N.
- vii. Benjamin,² m. Anna Woods.
- viii. Wealthy,² m. Stillman Stevens.
- 1 STEPHEN B.,² (Peter,¹) m. Nov. 12, 1835, Cynthia B., dau. John Sly (b. March 11, 1818; d. Oct. 11, 1893.) They lived in Ryegate and chil. were born there. He d. Oct. 23, 1874.

Children:

- i. Fidelia,³ b. Aug. 28, 1844; d. 1908; m. Aug. 30, 1861, Charles Deming (d. 1891.)
- ii. Juliette,³ b. Sept. 22, 1846; m. Oct. 16, 1862, John Quinn; d. Dec. 1, 1866,
- iii. Hale,³ b. Oct. 22, 1847.
- iv. Newel Culver,³ b. Jan. 22, 1849.
- v. Martha,³ b. May 25, 1850; d. May 26, 1861.
- vi. Sutherland,³ b. June 12, 1852; d. Dec. 15, 1877.
- vii. McNab,³ b. March 2, 1854.
- viii. Palmer,³ b. June 7, 1855; res. in Ryegate.
- ix. Washington,³ b. July 7, 1856; farmer; un-m.

WELCH.

The Welch family of Groton has intermarried with Ryegate families to such an extent that an account of its antecedents is interesting.

JONATHAN,³ came from Kennebunk, Me.; m. Annie Emery. 8 chil. of whom the two oldest sons were (1) Hosea,² and (2) Medad.²

- 1 HOSEA,² (Jonathan,¹) b. Groton; farmer and deacon in the Baptist church. He m. Dec. 1, 1806, Mary, sister of Andrew Gray. He d. Dec. 26, 1880 or '93; she d. Nov. 15, 1844 or '55.
- Children:
- 3 i. Ara,³ b. Jan. 9, 1811.
- ii. Mary,³ b. Dec. 31, 1812; m. Leman Taylor of Peacham.
- iii. Sarah,³ b. March 16, 1815; d. un-m. in 1860.
- iv. Eliza,³ b. Sept. 19, 1817; m. Lewis French of Cabot.
- v. Lydia,³ b. Dec. 1, 1819; m. Peter Whitehill, q. v.

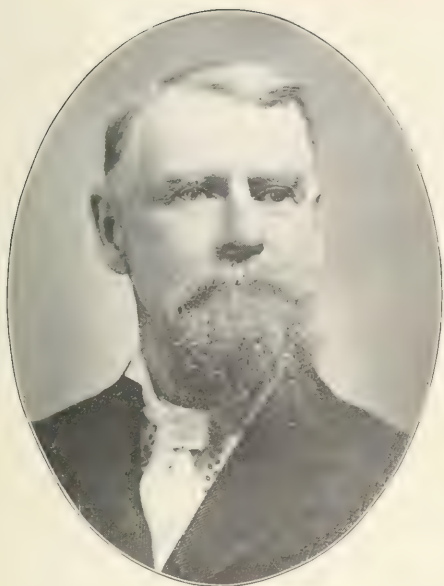
- vi. Laura,³ b. April 9, 1822; m. Rev. Mr. Hitchcock, a Methodist minister. He d. Chicopee, Mass. She ret. to Groton and d. some 12 yrs. later, in spring of 1908.
- vii. Hosea,³ b. July 28, 1824; m. Harriet Darling.
- viii. Andrew Gray,³ b. May 6, 1827; went west, served in the civil war; came east and lived in Morristown, Vt., and d. 1907.
- 4 ix. John H.,³ b. March 28, 1830.
- x. Ira Low,³ b. Nov. 17, 1832.
- 2 MEDAD² (Jonathan,¹) He was a prominent and respected citizen; m. March 9, 1815, Abigail, dau. Aaron Hosmer. (b. July 31, 1797; d. Dec. 24, 1897.) He d. Sept. 1, 1772. 11 ch. all now d.
- 3 ARA,³ (Hosea,² Jonathan,¹) b. Groton, Jan. 9, 1811; farmer there. He m. ab. 1834, Mary, dau. John Whitehill of Ryegate (b. Feb. 18, 1816; d. Aug. 28, 1877.) He d. Dec. 3, 1894.

Children:

- i. Ann,⁴ b. Jan. 14, 1837; m. A. Park Renfrew, q. v., as 1st w.
- ii. John,⁴ b. Nov. 12, 1835; m. Jan. 2, 1867, Mary Heath, who d. Sept. 1900. He d. July 10, 1909. Two daus. survive.
- iii. Meroa,⁴ b. Nov. 15, 1838; m. Stephen Renfrew, q. v.
- iv. Eliza J.,⁴ b. March 13, 1843; m. A. Park Renfrew as 2d w.; d. July 9, 1910.
- v. Abigail A.,⁴ b. March 20, 1843; m. 1st, John Paul. 2d, Samuel P. Welch, q. v.
- vi. Elizabeth,⁴ d. y. Nov. 24, 1888.
- vii. Hattie,⁴ d. y.
- viii. Leonard,⁴ b. Jan. 20, 1840; m. March 18, 1873, Mary, dau. John A., Miller, who d. Nov. 27, 1899. Res. Peacham.
- ix. Sarah A.,⁴ (town rec.) b. March 20, 1849.
- 4 JOHN H.,³ (Dea. Hosea,² Jonathan¹) b. March 28, 1830. He m. 1st, by Rev. J. M. Beattie, Feb. 19, 1852, Abigail Heaton, dau. John² Dunn (b. Oct. 26, 1831; d. April 9, 1891.) 2d, Feb. 1, 1894, Elizabeth M. [Smith] wid. of Wm. McLaughlin, (b. Dec. 9, 1836; d. Nov. 21, 1889.) He d. Dec. 23, 1905.

Children:

- i. Cyrus Heaton,⁴ b. July 25, 1852; hardware dealer in Groton; m. Aug. 1879, Helen T. Morrison. No ch.
- ii. James Austin,⁴ b. March 1, 1856; farmer in Groton; m. March 16, 1881, Christie, dau. Ebenezer Plummer. He d. June 17, 1908. Ch. (1) son,⁵ d. in childhood. (2) Abbie,⁵ m. David Whitehill, q. v.
- iii. Willard,⁴ b. Feb. 23, 1858; m. Lillian E. Waterman of Johnson, Merchant there. Ch. Bertha H.,⁵ Flora Abbie,⁵ Louise,⁵ who is dead.
- iv. Alvin,⁴ b. Feb. 26, 1860; farmer; m. Margaret, dau. Jacob Hooper, and lived on the Daniel Coffrin place. He d. May, 1897.
- v. Clara Jeanette,⁴ b. May 11, 1862; m. March 30, 1881, R. S. Hooper of Hardwick. Ch. (1) Dan,⁵ d. in inf. (2) Jacob Bert,⁴ hardware dealer at Hardwick.
- vi. Flora Annette,⁴ b. April 22, 1864; m. Nov. 1887, Willis B. Plummer, farmer in Groton. She d. June 12, 1890. No chil.
- vii. Charles Henry,⁴ b. Aug. 7, 1866; dry goods merchant, New Rochelle, N. Y. He m. Aug. 1891, Mabel Brackett of St. Johnsbury. Ch. Mildred Abbie⁴
- viii. Millie Abigail⁴ b. Sept. 14, 1870; stenographer at Los Angeles, Cal.
- ix. Josephine Roberts,⁴ b. Aug. 28, 1872; m. Nov. 1897, J. N. Fowler of Lebanon, N. H. 3 sons.
- x. John,⁴ b. April 13, 1874; dry goods merchant, Los Angeles, Cal.; m. July, 1905, Maybelle Hulburt of W. Lebanon, N. H.
- 5 AARON,³ (Medad,² Jonathan,¹) b. Groton, May 5, 1820; rem. to Ryegate, 1850; ret. to Groton 1866, and d. June 10, 1893. He m. 1st, Dec. 22, 1842, Joanna Plummer, who d. Ryegate, Feb. 12, 1855. 2d, April 2



C. W. WHITEHILL.



JAMES C. HOLMES.



WESSON G. HOLMES.



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1856, Elizabeth, dau. Wm. Gibson of Ryegate (b. Feb. 6, 1824; d. Jan. 17, 1865.) 3d, Aug. 27, 1866, Charlotte Welch, who d. May 4, 1890.

Children by first marriage.

- 6 i. Samuel P.,⁴ b. Groton, Dec. 18, 1843.
 - ii. Martha,⁴ b. Groton, March 20, 1845; m. March 9, 1876, Nathaniel C. Page of Ryegate (b. Groton, June 4, 1877, son of Jonathan.
 - iii. Horace,⁴ b. Dec. 22, 1846; went to Montana, 1869; was m. there. 4 ch, He d. 1891.
 - iv. Sarah,⁴ b. Groton, Sept. 11, 1848; d. Feb. 16, 1856.
 - v. Abigail,⁴ b. Groton, March 7, 1850; d. Jan. 15, 1855.
 - vi. Alexander G.,⁴ b. Ryegate, April 21, 1852; res. in Groton; m. Dec. 14, 1878, Dilly Frost. 3 ch. all living.
 - vii. Nancy,⁴ b. Ryegate, May 5, 1854; m. Frank W. Page; 7 ch., 4 living; res. Ryegate.
- By 2d m. all b. in Ryegate.
- viii. Jane Bethai,⁴ b. Dec. 14, 1856; d. Feb. 20, 1866.
 - ix. James Gibson,⁴ b. Oct. 9, 1858; d. Feb. 13, 1866.
 - x. Clarence E.,⁴ b. Feb. 22, 1860; rem. to Iowa, 1882; m. Oct. 10, 1886, Ida Tucker of Kansas; rem. Eldora, Iowa. 4 chil.
 - xi. Joanna,⁴ b. April 11, 1863; d. Feb. 12, 1866.

- 6 SAMUEL P.,⁴ (Aaron,³ Medad,² Jonathan,¹) b. Groton, Dec. 18, 1843; went to Montana, 1867; ret. 1871, and m. 1st, Nov. 2, 1871 Elzina James. of Groton, and went back to Montana; ret. to Groton and has been a merchant there since 1875; selectman, lister, and has been Justice of the Peace 20 years; town representative, 1880, '81. Deacon in the Baptist ch. 37 years. Mrs. Welch d. Aug. 29, 1872, and he m. 2d, Jan. 13, 1874 Abbie A., dau. Ara Welch, and widow of John G. Paul (b. March 20, 1843; d. April 21, 1885.) 3d, April 28, 1886, Cora E. Minard.

Children by 1st marriage.

- i. Elzina,⁵ b. Aug. 28, 1872; d. Aug. 1882.

By 2d marriage.

- ii. Hannah E.,⁵ b. March 21, 1875; d. Aug. 1882.
- iii. Jefferson Renfrew,⁵ b. July 23, 1880; d. May 11, 1881.
- iv. William George,⁵ b. April 30, 1882. Res. Groton; m. Aug. 6, 1903, Rosie M., dau. James J. Morrison. Ch. (1) Joanna A.,⁵ b. April 17, 1906. (2) Gertrude A.,⁶ Nov. 3, 1910.

WHITE.

NICHOLAS WHITE of Plaistow, N. H., in the 4th generation from William White, one of the 1st settlers of Ipswich and later of Haverhill, Mass., had four sons who came to Newbury in 1763. Noah,² Ebenezer,² Joseph,² and Samuel.² Another son, William,² remained at Plaistow, but was represented here by his dau. Mary who m. Asa Tenney of Newbury, and a son Nicholas,² who settled finally in Ryegate. For Dr. Samuel White see p. 210. Descendants of Ebenezer,² and William,² have lived in Ryegate. For more complete account of the White family see History of Newbury. pp. 735-739.

NICHOLAS,³ (William,² Nicholas,¹) b. Plaistow, N. H., 1770; came to Newbury ab. 1790 and m. March 25, or 27, 1799, Rachel, dau. William and Rachel (Tewksbury) Johnson (b. Newbury, July 1, 1776; d. Bradford, March 1856.) Settled on her father's farm where he d. Dec. 23, 1831. He was quite prominent, holding town offices and captain in the old militia.

Children:

- i. Mary,⁴ b. March 4, 1800; m. 1st a Mr. Hoyt, had a dau. Mary. Mr. H. d. and she m. 2d, Milton Morse of Horse Meadow, Haverhill, and d. there.

- ii. Nancy Johnson,⁴ b. Nov. 28, 1801; d. un-m. at St. Johnsbury.
- 1 iii. Moses Webster,⁴ b. Aug. 1, 1803.
- 2 iv. William Johnson,⁴ b. Dec. 25, 1804.
- v. Abigail Johnson,⁴ b. April 20, 1806; m. Jared Wells of Wells River; lived there many yrs.; rem. to Grand Rapids Mich., where he d. She d. at Lowell, Mass.
- vi. Asa Peaslee,⁴ went to Cal. in the early days of gold mining, and was never heard from.
- vii. Jane Catherine,⁴ d. at 16 in Ryegate.
- viii. Abner Bayley Webster,⁴ b. Feb. 1, 1812; m. Mary Gale of Wells River, where they always lived, and where she d. Jan. 24, 1902.
- 1 **MOSES WEBSTER,**⁴ (Nicholas,³ Wm.,² Nicholas,¹) b. Newbury, Aug. 1, 1803; came to Ryegate, 1807. He m. May 9, 1837, Susan M., dau. Robert Whitelaw (b. Nov. 22, 1812; d. April 17, 1899.) Rem. March 1838, to Jacksonville, Ill., then to Exeter, Ill., where he lived 18 yrs., to Griggsville, Ill., 1855, where he was in the livestock and grain bus. While at Exeter he had a contract to furnish all the wooden wedges or fastenings for the first railroad built in Ill., called the Springfield & Jacksonville R. R. The rails were of wood, and the wedges were used in fastening the ends of the rails together. Their journey by stage, canal and steamboat to Naples, Ill., took about two mos in 1837. He moved to Exeter to secure a saw mill with water power to saw lumber for his railroad contract. This line is now part of the Wabash system. He d. Griggsville, May 24, 1885.

Children:

- i. Madeline M.,⁵ b. Dec. 19, 1839; m. at G. Nov. 12, 1863, Theodore E. Wilson. 3 sons, 2 daus.
- ii. James H.,⁵ b. Dec. 21, 1841; m. Laura E. Chiseldine of Winchester. He d. Jacksonville, Ill., Aug. 13, 1909. His wife with a dau. and a son survive him, who res. Chicago.
- iii. Horace A.,⁵ b. July 28, 1850; res. N. Y. City.
- 2 **WILLIAM JOHNSON,**⁴ (Nicholas,³ Wm.,² Nicholas,¹) b. Newbury, Dec. 25, 1804; farmer on homestead in R. 13 yrs., selling to Edward Miller in 1856, in Bradford 15 years; in hotel business at W. Concord, Vt., Colebrook and Lancaster; later in various business. He m. Sept. 8, 1834, by Rev. Wm. Pringle, Abigail J., dau. Robert Whitelaw (b. June 11, 1811; d. St. Johnsbury, July 5, 1895.) He d. St. Johnsbury, Sept. 4, 1887. Mrs. White at the age of 16 attended a school for young ladies at Great Barrington, Mass., the journey by stage and Lake Champlain taking a week. She told Mr. Miller that she was the first woman in R. to receive a dollar a week for teaching. She taught her first school in the Park neighborhood ab. 1830, where she had 60 pupils, 18 of whom were in letters.

Children:

- i. Susan Jane,⁵ m. Zela Alvin Richardson of St. Johnsbury and res. there. He d. April 18, 1906, aged 64.
- ii. Sophia Hale,⁵ m. Henry W. Hill of Worcester Mass., who d. there March 7, 1886, aged 43. Ch. (1) Julia Ellen,⁶ (2) Edith Bell,⁶ who m. Lemuel Hamblin who is dead. Ch. (a) Madeline Jenette,⁷ (b) Bruce Winfield.⁷
- GEORGE W.,**⁴ (Samuel,³ Ebenezer,² Nicholas,¹) b. Newbury. April 20, 1822; farmer in R. He m. Lois, dau. Joel Carbee (b. Nov. 22, 1824; d. Nov. 3, 1887.) He d. June 27, 1903.

Children:

- i. Sarah B.,⁵ b. Newbury, Jan. 1, 1849; d. Sept. 17, 1850.
- ii. Henry C.,⁵ b. Ryegate, July 31, 1851; res. Stowe, Vt.
- iii. Willard S.,⁵ b. July 18, 1857; m. Jennie F. Morrison of Groton. Ch. (1) Wesley W.,⁶ b. July 26, 1889. (2) Bertha A.,⁶ b. July 31, 1890.
- FRED H.,**⁴ (Ezekiel,⁴ Jesse,³ Ebenezer,² Nicholas,¹) b. Topsham, July 30, 1856.

Farmer with his father in Topsham till rem. to Ryegate Corner, March 1895. He m. Sept. 12, 1888. Sarah E., dau. James McLam (b. R. May 9, 1854.)

Children b. in Topsham.

- i. William D.,⁶ b. July 19, 1889; m. June 29, 1911, Ethel A. Taplin of Corinth. Ch. William D.,⁷ b. Ryegate, Aug. 9, 1912,
- ii. Robert M.,⁶ b. July 24, 1892.

WHITE.

WILLIAM¹ White of Inchinnan, Scotland, m. Janet, dau. David Allan, q. v., b. 1762. There is no record that they ever came to America, and the only children who are mentioned are Robert,² and David,² who came to America with their gr. mother Allan in 1802. These records are as given by Mr. Mason and Mr. Miller, with additions.

ROBERT,² (William,¹) b. Inchinnan, Scotland, Dec. 22, 1789; came to America with his grandmother Allan in 1802, and m. ab. 1816, Sarah Perry (b. Royalston, Mass., June 27, 1793) who had been in R. about four years. He bought a farm of James Hall where James Dickey afterward lived and where Y. D. Nelson now does, where all their children were born. He sold that farm to the widow of Wm. Nelson 2d and bought on the n. side of Blue Mt., where Matthew Taylor afterwards lived, and 18 yrs. later sold it and rem. to Barnet Vill., where he d. Nov. 3, 1864. She d. April 5, 1867. He served in the war of 1812 on the Canadian frontier.

Children:

- i. Hannah,³ b. May 24, 1817; m. George Greenbanks, a woolen manufacturer of Barnet.
- ii. William A.,³ b. June 30, 1819; d. 1839.
- iii. Robert,³ b. July 4, 1821; d. 1854.
- iv. David Allan,³ b. June 26, 1823; went to Minnesota.
- v. Sarah J.,³ b. March 31, 1825.
- vi. Margaret,³ b. March 5, 1827.
- vii. Eliza Fulton,³ b. Nov. 1, 1831.

DAVID,² (William,¹) b. Inchinnan, 1793; came to America with his brother, and was m. May 31, 1819 by Rev. James Milligan to his cousin Elizabeth, dau. Alexander Miller (b. March 24, 1798; d. April 7, 1841.) They settled on the Robert White farm in 1820, and built a log cabin about 30 rods n. e. of where the late David Buchanan long lived. Rem. to Newbury and settled on land given his wife by her father, on the east side of Jefferson hill, now owned by Wm. E. Bailey. He d. Feb. 23, 1858.

Children, the 1st born in Ryegate.

- 1 i. William,³ b. Sept. 1, 1819.
- ii. James,³ b. Jan. 11, 1821. He was long a prominent and respected citizen of Ryegate, held offices, and was eleven years moderator of town meeting; merchant and postmaster at South Ryegate from about 1854 to 1868. He m. Jan. 31, 1843, Ann, dau. John Miller (b. Jan. 11, 1820; d. April 22, 1895.) He d. Nov. 5, 1889. No children.
- iii. John,³ b. June 21, 1822; lived on Jefferson hill, Newbury, where he d. May 21, 1896. He m. Sarah A. Baker of Westfield, Mass., who d. March 2, 1883. He d. May 21, 1896.
- 2 iv. David,³ b. March 3, 1823.
- v. Robert M.,³ b. Aug. 19, 1826; m. 1864 in Mass.. Celia Ranger. He d. May 1, 1884.
- vi. Alexander M.,³ b. April 17, 1828; lived in Newbury.
- vii. Margaret A.,³ b. June 9, 1829; d. Oct. 22, 1893.
- viii. Eliza Jane,³ b. Aug. 8, 1830; d. Oct. 13, 1891.
- ix. Thomas,³ b. Newbury, Aug. 24, 1833; d. Aug. 24, 1835.

x. Moses,³ b. Newbury, Sept. 19, 1834. Never m. d. in R. June 18, 1908.

- 1 WILLIAM,³ (David,² William,¹) b. (in the old Aiken house) Sept. 1, 1819. Settled in Barnet, and m. there Feb. 23, 1864, Mrs. Jane [Lee] wid. of Jeremiah Abbott (b. Peacham, Sept. 27, 1824; d. Barnet, April 23, 1904.) He d. April 11, 1901; bur. at W. Barnet.

Children:

- i. Jennie Mae,⁴ b. May 1, 1865; m. June 21 1883, Thomas George Hastie of Barnet, farmer at W. Barnet, where he d., bur. Barnet Ctr. Ch. all b. in Barnet. (1) Lulu Jane,⁵ [Hastie] b. March 23, 1885; d. May 23, 1886. (2) William Guy,⁵ b. Nov. 28, 1886. (3) Dora May,⁵ b. March 17, 1891. (4) Jennie Abbott,⁵ b. Aug. 11, 1898.
- ii. Jerry William,⁴ b. Oct. 23, 1867; m. Dec. 14, 1896, at Barnet Ctr., Sadie Emily Miles of Inverness, P. Q. Farmer on homestead in Barnet. Ch. all born in Barnet. (1) Cyril Lee,⁵ b. April 26, 1898. (2) Susie May,⁵ b. June 14, 1901. (3) Glen Leslie,⁵ b. July 26, 1904. (4) Edna Louise,⁵ b. Nov. 25, 1906. (5) Abbott Wesley,⁵ b. Oct 10, 1911.
- 2 DAVID,³ (David,² William,¹) b. March 3, 1823; m. July 24, 1843, Agnes Brown of Newbury (b. June 22, 1815; d. Feb. 16, 1883.) He d. Jan. 6, 1890. They lived in Newbury, near So. Ryegate.

Children all born in Newbury.

- i. William J.,⁴ b. May 3, 1846; res. So. Ryegate; m. 1st, Sarah Barber who d. 2d, June 1, 1901, Martha L., dau. of Hugh Dunn, of R.
- ii. Elizabeth H.,⁴ b. Jan. 6, 1850; m. Nov. 6, 1901, Geo. W. Salls of W. Newbury.
- iii. Robert J.,⁴ b. July 18, 1853; grad. Randolph Normal Sch. Jan. 1887; teacher; in meat bus. at So. R., ab. 3 yrs; in mercantile bus. at Colchester, Vt., 14 yrs; in lumber bus. at Winooski, Vt., ab. 9 yrs.; res. Burlington, Vt. Is a director in Winooski Savings Bank; Supt. of schools in Ryegate and in Colchester; selectman in C. He m. May, 1881, Edna M. J. Marsh of Winooski. Ch. Clarence R.,⁵ b. Colchester, Nov. 10, 1888; grad. Vt. Univ. 1911; now (1913) attending law school at Columbia Univ.
- iv. Thomas H.,⁴ b. June 7, 1855; m. May 26, 1883, Minnie Carpenter of Groton; res. So. R.; carpenter.

Children:

1. Gertrude Eva,⁵ b. July 21, 1885.
2. Bessie Bell,⁵ b. Oct. 21, 1887; m. Nov. 24, 1900, Thaddeus Wheaton o Newbury.
3. Blanche Louise,⁵ b. Sept. 3, 1889; teacher.
4. Roy James⁵ b. Aug. 16, 1891.
5. Nellie May,⁵ b. Oct. 2, 1893; m. Oct. 11, 1911, Harley Roberts. Ch. Bernard Arthur,⁵ [Roberts] b. May 26, 1912.
6. Ida Caroline,⁵ b. March 19, 1896.
7. Lawrence Jackson,⁵ b. Sept. 27, 1898.
8. Marion Elizabeth,⁵ b. May 21, 1901.
9. Aileen Marie,⁵ b. Aug. 16, 1903.
10. Marjorie Winona,⁵ b. July 22, 1906.

FRED D.,⁴ (Margaret,³ David,² William,¹) b. Newbury, March 28, 1870; res. Groton; helper at R. R. station. He m. Jan. 16, 1895, Clara B., dau. Phillip Webber of N.

Children:

- i. Charles F.,⁵ b. April 24, 1897; d. Jan. 31, 1898.
- ii. Andrew J.,⁵ b. Sept. 17, 1898.
- iii. Ethel W.,⁵ b. March 10; d. May 19, 1900.
- iv. May M.,⁵ b. Oct. 18, 1908; d. Jan. 8, 1909.
- v. Ruby M.,⁵ b. March 26, 1910.

WHITEHILL.

JAMES and Abraham Whitehill of Inchinnan, Scotland, purchased in 1798 six lots in the northwest corner of this town which are called the "Witherspoon tract" on which James, son of President Witherspoon had begun a settlement in 1774, where he expected to found an estate. He came there with a number of men, some of whom are said to have been colored slaves, who cleared about 25 acres and erected a house and other buildings. James Witherspoon is said to have inherited much of his distinguished father's ability, and had he remained here, would probably have become one of the prominent men of the state. But he was intensely devoted to the American cause and on the retreat of the army from Canada, joined it, became an aid to Washington with the rank of major, and fell at the battle of Germantown. Upon the land thus partly cleared the wilderness resumed its sway and twenty years later few traces remained of the work of Major Witherspoon. One building or a part of one was standing when James Whitehill came there in 1798, and was hidden in the dense underwood which occupied the place. On the 15th of Feb. 1787, Rev. Dr. Witherspoon and Elizabeth his wife, by their attorneys, conveyed to Rev. Alexander Simpson of Pittenweem, then in London, "Lots 1, 2 and 3 in the 1st range, and Lots 1, 2 and 3 in the 2d range, in the northwest corner of Ryegate, on which James Witherspoon had settled and cleared a part," for 300 pounds sterling. In 1795 the tract was visited by John Holmes, who returning to Scotland recommended it to James and Abraham Whitehill as a place of settlement. The instrument by which this tract was conveyed to the Whitehills through their attorney, James McNays, is interesting and is as follows:

James McDougall, Lord Provost and Chief Magistrate of the City of Glasgow, Do hereby certify that on the date hereof, March 12, 1798, personally came and appeared before me James the Deponent named in the affidavit hereunto annexed, being a person well known and worthy of good credit, and by solemn Oath which he the said deponent then took before me upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, did solemnly and sincerely declare, testify and depone to be true the several matters and things contained in the said annexed affidavit.

Catherine Boston, widow of Alexander Simpson, Minister of the Gospel at Pittenweem, with consent of William Gillespie of Andenton near Glasgow, Andrew Siebald and Michael Minehead of the first part, and James and Abraham Whitehill of Rashielee, Renfrew. The aforesaid with Robert Corse of Greenlaw, deceased, for Four Hundred Pounds Sterling the tract of Six Hundred Acres upon which James Witherspoon had settled and partly cleared.

The land was divided between the brothers James and Abraham, the former taking the three south lots, and the latter the three north lots. These brothers reared large families and their descendants are very numerous. The Whitehill family is of great antiquity and in the "Church and Parish of Inchinnan" the name is mentioned several times in the annals of four centuries. Prof. N. J. Whitehill of White River Junction visited Scotland a few years ago, and identified the farm of Rashielee from which James and Abraham Whitehill came. In the preparation of these records a large number of persons have aided, family records have been drawn upon, and missing dates supplied, as far as possible, from town and session books and cemetery inscriptions. In this history of Ryegate are mentioned 632 descendants of James Whitehill and 184 of Abraham Whitehill.

THE JAMES WHITEHILL FAMILY.

JAMES,¹ Whitehill, b. Inchinnan, Renfrewshire, 1753; m. 1st, 1772, Mary Mitchell who d. in Scotland, and 2d, 1792, Mary Caldwell. They came to America and Ryegate in 1798, and built first a log house and

ab. 1808 the stone house which is part of the present house of Corwin W. Whitehill. He was the founder of the Reformed Presbyterian church in Ryegate and its first elder, holding that office till his death, and was a church member about 64 years. "He was charitable to the poor, and liberal in the support of the gospel. His habits were those of serenity, industry and piety" From a sketch written by Rev. James Milligan it appears that he was well educated with an extensive knowledge of ecclesiastical history. He d. Aug. 14, 1835, and his wife Nov. 14, 1834. Buried in the Walter Harvey cemetery. The house was re-modeled by Abram Whitehill in 1833.

Children:

- i. Elizabeth,² b. Jan. 1773; d. June 8, 1860; m. John Dunn, q. v.
- ii. Agnes,² b. Feb. 5, 1776; d. May 5, 1845; m. Alexander Holmes q. v.
- iii. Mary,² b. 1779; d. Jan. 18, 1856; m. John McLaughlin, q. v.
- iv. Christian,² b. ab. 1782; d. April 8, 1819; m. John Caldwell, q. v.
- 1 v. John,² b. April, 1786.
By 2d marriage.
- 2 vi. James,⁵ b. 1793.
- vii. Jean,² b. 1795; d. 1873; m. William Johnston, q. v.
- viii. Janet,² b. March 11, 1797; d. of small pox on the ocean.
- 3 ix. William,² b. Aug. 28, 1801.
- 4 x. Abram,² b. May 28, 1805.
- xi. Margaret,² m. Dec. 29, 1836; Lewis Page of Groton.
- 1 JOHN,² (James,¹) b. Inchinnan, Scot., April, 1786. Came to America with parents in 1798; settled on the farm now owned by James E. Crown, a part of the Witherspoon tract next south of his father's. Rem. to Morgan 1844, d. while chopping alone in the woods, Nov. 15, 1849. He was a very large man and called "Big Jock." Buried in Groton-Peacham cem. with his 1st w. Anna Welch, whom he m. 1812. She d. April 14, 1826 and he m. 2d, March 14, 1827, Betsey Emery of Groton, who d. in Morgan.

Children;

- 5 i. James,³ b. Oct. 3, 1813.
- 6 ii. John,³ b. Nov. 8, 1814.
- iii. Mary,³ b. Feb. 18, 1816; m. Ara Welch, q. v.
- 7 iv. William,³ b. March 25, 1817.
- v. Peter,³ b. July 3, 1818; m. 1st, March 9, 1841, Lydia, dau. Dea. Hosea Welch. She d. Sept. 29, 1859, aged 39 yrs. 10 mo. 2 ch. both dead. 2d, Maria Shaw.
- vi. Elizabeth,³ b. Sept. 26, 1819; d. Sept. 22, 1878. On the town record her name is given as Pata Eliza. She m. Peter,² (Abraham,¹) Whitehill, q. v.
- vii. Anna,³ b. Dec. 22, 1820; d. Feb. 1, 1885; m. Ebenezer Plummer of Groton; 11 ch., 32 gr. ch. in 1891.
- 8 viii. David,³ b. June 7, 1822.
- ix. Nancy,³ b. Oct. 31, 1823; m. Chauncy Aldrich. 2 ch.
- x. Hannah,³ b. March 13, 1825; m. George Melvin. 1 ch.
- xi. Christian,³ b. April 5, 1826; m. Edward Hickson. 1 ch.
By 2d marriage.
- xii. Sarah,³ b. Feb. 7, 1828; d. March, 1901; m. Feb. 18, 1847, H. K. Moore q. v.
- xiii. Lucinda,³ b. Oct. 24, 1829; settled in Canada and m. in 1852, Alonzo Bracy; lived in Potton, P. Q., and had ch. Horace. Minerva, Charles.
- xiv. Janet,³ b. July 19, 1831; m. Jan. 3, 1859, Ephraim Powers of Newbury (b. May 9, 1828; d. Jan. 26, 1898.) 3 ch.
- xv. Juliett,³ b. April 3, 1833; m. Dec. 31, 1859, Moody Powers of Newbury (b. Aug. 11, 1830; d. Oct. 31, 1864.) Ch. Edward and Addie (Powers). She res. Central City, Neb.
- xvi. Emeline,³ b. Jan. 14, 1835; m. July 15, 1856, Simeon Marsh; res. Mor-

gan, Vt. One son, William, who d. Oct. 1904. He m. Dec. 31, 1890, Bertha Preston of Strafford, Vt. Ch. Harry, Emma and Veda (Marsh)

9 xvii. Matthew,³ b. Feb. 16, 1837.

xviii. Moses,³ b. July 9, 1839; enlisted Feb. 9, 1864, Co. G, 17th Vt.; killed at Petersburg, Va., April 2, 1865, at the very close of the war.

xix. Aaron,³ (twin to above) d. in infancy.

xx. Hugh,³ b. Sept. 12, 1841; d. April 5, 1911.

All were living in 1863 except Aaron.

2 JAMES,² (James,¹) b. May 1793; farmer. Elder and deacon in the Ref. Pres ch. and always called Deacon Whitehill. He m. Jan. 30, 1817, Janet daughter Hugh Gardner (b. May 30, 1796; d. March 20, 1873.) He d. Oct. 27, 1867; bur. in Walter Harvey cem.

Children:

10 i. James,³ b. Oct. 25, 1818,

ii. Mary Jane,³ b. Feb. 18, 1819; m. April 24, 1848, James Patterson of Cabot (b. Scotland; d. Aug. 1893.) She d. March 14, 1879. No chil.

11 iii. Hugh Gardner,³ b. May 16, 1821.

12 iv. William,³ b. April 3, 1823.

13 v. Abram M.,³ b. Oct. 22, 1826.

14 vi. Archibald,³ b. Nov. 7, 1828.

vii. Janet,³ b. July 3, 1831; d. March 3, 1862; m. William McLaughlin, q. v.

viii. Margaret,³ b. July 31, 1833; d. June 2, 1867; m. Wesson Crown, q. v.

ix. Isabel,³ b. Jan. 13, 1835; d. April 14, 1867; m. Moses² Hunter, q. v.

x. Hannah,³ b. May 3, 1837; d. Oct. 27, 1861.

xi. John N.,³ b. July 10, 1840; d. Sept. 18, 1864; m. Mrs. Mary Batchelder.

3 WILLIAM,² (James,¹) b. Ryegate, Aug. 28, 1801; m. about 1832, Mary, dau. Hugh Gardner (b. Nov. 27, 1802; d. Feb. 21, 1886.) He kept store in Groton village about 10 years; in West Barnet two yrs. Went to western Penn., in June, 1841 and to Harlan, Page Co., Iowa, about 1854, where he d. Sept. 22, 1878.

Children;

15 i. Thomas R.,³ b. Oct. 27, 1834.

16 ii. Sarah G.,³ b. Feb. 9, 1837.

17 iii. Mary Abigail,³ b. Aug. 12, 1843,
James Taggart. 6 chil.

4 ABRAM,² (James,¹) b. May 28, 1805; farmer on the homestead; m. April 17, 1834, Janet, dau. John Holmes (b. Feb. 18, 1806; d. May 13, 1890.) He d. June 16, 1881. Both were life-long residents of the n. w. part of Ryegate. Bur. in Walter Harvey cem. She was a member of the Ref. Pres. ch. ab. 66 years.

Children:

18 i. Peden Cargill,³ b. Feb. 2, 1835.

ii. Calvin Knox,³ b. April 21, 1837; m. Nov. 9, 1858, Phebe Jane Cox. Enlisted Jan. 5, 1864, in Co. E, 7th Vt. Vols; d. Barrancas, Fla., Sept. 16, 1864. Ch. (1) Alvina L.,⁴ m. A. D. Hood, Topsham. 4 ch. (2) Calvin Ellsworth,⁴ manager of creamery at Barnet. 4 ch.

iii. Mary Caldwell,³ b. July 27, 1838; m. Wm. N. Gibson, q. v.

iv. Milton Franklin,³ b. Aug. 22, 1842; d. Oct. 18, 1876.

v. Martha Ellen,³ (twin to above). d. May 27, 1864.

vi. Corwin W.,³ b. July 2, 1847; farmer on homestead of James. Never m. Has been selectman, treasurer of creamery, etc.

5 JAMES,³ (John,² James,¹) b. Oct. 3, 1813 on the w. side of what is now J. E. Crown's farm. Lived and d. where Roger Eastman lives in Groton. Not a ch. member. He m. 1st, Nov. 15 1838, by John Darling, Esq., Susan, dau. Capt. Edmund Morse (b. about 1801; d. July 25, 1843.) 2d, Sept. 26, 1844, by Hugh Dunn, Esq., Margaret, dau. John McLam (b. Scotland, Nov. 13, 1813; d. May 20, 1848.) 3d, July 3, 1848,

Hannah Bingham (b. Jan. 25, 1811; d. Aug. 19, 1883.) 4th, Dec. 25, 1883, Dilly, wid. of David Welch, who d. Nov. 4, 1891. He d. Dec. 15, 1889; bur. in Groton-Peacham cem.

Children all born in Groton. By 1st marriage.

- i. Aaron,⁴ b. Jan. 25, 1841; d. in the west un-m. Nov. 22, 1870.
- ii. Susan,⁴ b. July 11, 1843; m. James Patten; d. Feb. 1882.
By 2d marriage.
- iii. Walter S.,⁴ b. June 15, 1846. Served in the civil war; m. Susan, widow of Geo. W. Whitehill. Res. Groton. 3 chil.
- 19 iv. James R.,⁴ b. May 14, 1848.
By 3d marriage.
- v. Jane,⁴ b. April 9, 1849; m. 1st, Fred Symes. 2d, Geo. Bond. Res. Topsham
- vi. Sarah,⁴ b. March 11, 1851; m. Moses Jennison of Peacham.
- 6 JOHN,³ (John,² James,¹) b. Nov. 8, 1814; m. 1837, Susan, dau. Thomas Gilkerson (b. March 1805; d.) Lived in Barnet, on the farm formerly owned by Bartholemew Somers and afterward by Thos. Gilkerson. Went to Ill., 1864 and d. there.

Children:

- i. Thomas G.,⁴ b. 1838; m. 1st, Belle Strobridge in Ill. 4 ch. 2d, Mrs. Huldah Sargent of Peacham. He d. in Barre, Vt.
- ii. Marion Amborn,⁴ b. Barnet, Jan. 26, 1840; m. 1863, Bradley W. Morrison of Groton, who d. in Minneapolis, Minn., where she res. 10 ch, 3 living.
- iii. Allison Jennett,⁴ b. Barnet, Jan. 3, 1842; m. 1st, Alex Strobridge of Monteno, Ill. 3 sons, 1 living. 2d, Charles Stickney of Minneapolis. 3 daus. all d. in inf. She d. July 4, 1896.
- iv. John,⁴ b. Barnet, ab. 1844; rem. with parents to Ill. Went to Cal., thence to Australia.
- v. Margaret H.,⁴ b. Barnet ab. 1847; m. in Manteno, Ill., Geo. W. Fiske. Ch. Geo. W., and Mercy Louisa [Fiske] who res. in Robbinsdale, Minn.
- 7 WILLIAM,³ (John,² James,¹) b. March 25, 1817; lived in Topsham and the extreme n. part of Groton. He m. Dec. 30, 1838, Anna, dau. John McLam (b. April 9, 1818; d. Feb. 18, 1901.) He d. Sept. 13, 1884.

Children:

- i. Mary Ann,⁴ b. Oct. 15, 1839. No record.
- ii. Margaret,⁴ b. Feb. 21, 1842; m. Amos Powers; d. in Kansas, Oct. 13, 1878.
- iii. Lydia Maria,⁴ b. Feb. 10, 1843; m. 1st, March 17, 1864, Abram Whitehill, q. v. 2d, Henry Richardson.
- iv. Albert P.,⁴ b. Feb. 26, 1846; m. 1870, Emma Whitcher; res. Groton.
- v. Victoria A.,⁴ b. April 23, 1848; m. John Dunn, q. v. 2d, Wm. Hunter, q. v.
- vi. Josephine E.,⁴ b. Jan. 3, 1850; m. 1871, Burton Bailey.
- vii. Sarah V.,⁴ b. March 22, 1852; m. Dec. 1876, Harvey Orr, q. v.
- viii. Nancy E.,⁴ b. 1855; d. April 7, 1872.
- 20 ix. Wm. Alexander,⁴ b. Aug. 13, 1857.
- x. Kate,⁴ b. 1862; m. March 1, 1882, Newton Whitehill, q. v.
- 8 DAVID,³ (John,² James,¹) b. Ryegate, June 7, 1822; m. Mary C., dau. James Orr of Groton and lived there. He d. Nov. 15, 1866.

Children:

- i. William Harvey,⁴ b. April 26, 1853; farmer and ice dealer at Groton, Mass., also selectman and road commissioner. He m. Hannah A. Hall. Two ch., a son who grad. from Lowell Textile Coll., now instructor there; and a dau. who grad. Boston Univ., q. v.
- ii. Margaret Ann,⁴ b. April 3, 1855; m. Robert N. Wormwood of R.; d. Jan. 20, 1903. 2 ch., son and dau.

- iii. Elizabeth,⁴ b. Oct. 20, 1856; m. A. T. Gay of South Ryegate; d. Sept. 8, 1905. 2 ch., son and dau.
- iv. Nelson James,⁴ b. Sept. 8, 1858. Fitted for college at Peacham Acad.; grad. Dartmouth college, 1883; teacher in Vt. Principal Randolph Acad. 14 yrs. At Montpelier three yrs. and is in his 10th as principal of the high school at White River Junction. Has been prominent in educational work in this state. County examiner of teachers for Windsor Co. 6 yrs. Founder of the Whitehill library at No. Ryegate. He m. Ellen S. Strobridge of Peacham. No ch.
- v. George Ellsworth,⁴ b. Sept. 15, 1861; m. Elizabeth Miller of R. and settled in Groton, where he d. Dec. 6, 1888. Ch. son and dau.
- vi. Charles Sheridan,⁴ b. Aug. 6, 1864; res. Oakland, Cal.; is m. with one dau.
- vii. Jennie Etta,⁴ b. May 1, 1866; m. Frank Miller; lived in Topsham; d. Dec. 6, 1895. 1 son senior in Norwich Univ.
- 9 MATTHEW,³ (John,² James,¹) b. Feb. 16, 1837; was 13 when his father d. and carried on the farm in Morgan, Vt., with the help of his younger brother. Enlisted July, 1862, in the 15th Vt., and served his time out. Farmer and lumberman; justice of the peace, many yrs.; town Rep. 1878. He m. June 8, 1864, Ellen Marsh of Holland. She d. Jan. 18, 1905.

Children:

- 21 i. Ellsworth,⁴ b. June 12, 1865.
- 10 JAMES,³ (James,² James,¹) b. Oct. 25, 1818. Went to Walden 1837, and cleared land which he exchanged for a farm; rem. to Groton, 1864. He m. Dec. 6, 1837, Mehitabel Hatch of Groton, b. Aug. 29, 1813, with whom he lived 56 years. Members of the M. E. church in Groton. He d. March 24, 1894.

Children:

- i. James,⁴ b. March 4, 1839; res. in Marshfield; m. ab. 1861, Asenath Simmonds. She d. April 1876, aged 26.
- ii. Martha,⁴ b. Nov. 2, 1841. Res. in Montpelier; m. 1st. May 25, 1865, Roland Edwards of Montpelier, who d. March 29, 1875. 2d, March 2, 1876, Wm. Chapin of Calais.
- iii. John F.,⁴ b. July 25, 1844; served in the war of the rebellion. Res. So. Ryegate. Twice m., 1st, Mary Taisey, who d. Sept. 18, 1881. He d. May, 1912.
- iv. Moses,⁴ b. June 16, 1845; res. in Groton; m. July 3, 1875, Ella Ricker, b. Dec. 6, 1858. Ch. Harry,⁵ b. May 9, 1875.
- v. William,⁴ b. Dec. 6, 1847; d. 1848.
- vi. Phebe Ann,⁴ b. Feb. 2, 1851; m. George Taisey and res. in Groton.
- vii. Newton A.,⁴ b. Dec. 6, 1855; m. March 1, 1882, Catherine, dau. Wm.,³ Whitehill. Ch. (1) Clarence,⁵ b. Nov. 29, 1884; d. Dec. 17, 1887. (2) Leonard J.,⁵ b. Jan. 8, 1888.
- 11 HUGH GARDNER,³ (James,² James,¹) b. May 16, 1821; farmer in Ryegate. He m. in Peacham, March 20, 1848, Susan, dau. John McLachlin (b. Peacham, April 9, 1816; d. April 15, 1880.) He d. Jan. 12, 1870, on farm where William J., his son now lives. Bur. Ryegate Corner.

Children:

- i. Edward M.,⁴ b. Dec. 5, 1851; d. June 8, 1885.
- ii. Annie J.,⁴ b. Nov. 12, 1854; lives with her brother Wm.
- iii. William J.,⁴ b. May 17, 1856; farmer near Ryegate Corner, farm formerly owned by M. R. Gray.
- 12 WILLIAM,³ (James,² James,¹) b. April 3, 1823. Farmer on Jefferson Hill, Newbury, where Andrew Wylie long lived; d. suddenly Feb. 16, 1861. He m. by Rev. Jas. Beattie, Feb. 8, 1851, Samantha Ruth, dau. Campbell Symes (b. Sept. 18, 1827; d. Nov. 1, 1910.)

Children:

- i. Infant,⁴ b. May 13, d. May 23, 1852.

- ii. Henry Eugene,⁴ b. Feb. 25, 1854; m. Oct. 25, 1876 Agnes C., dau. Wm. Nelson of Newbury (b. July 26, 1846; d. Feb. 19, 1885.) 5 ch. Lives on her father's farm in Newbury, which was formerly the "Hermitage" of Hon. Peter Burbank. He m. 2d, Belle [Peach] wid. of Valentine Weed. No record.
- iii. Sarah Jane,⁴ b. June 15, 1856; m. Sept. 26, 1877, Frank E. Harding of Strafford, Vt.; d. July 8, 1880. Ch. (1) Geo. William,⁵ b. Sept. 4, 1879.
- iv. William Lincoln,⁴ b. May 13, 1861.
- 13 ARCHIBALD,³ (James,² James,¹) b. Nov. 7, 1828; m. by Rev. J. M. Beattie, March 10, 1859, Elizabeth Catherine, dau. John² McLam, b. Dec. 12, 1837. He d. Aug. 24, 1898; bur. Walter Harvey cem. She res. on the homestead with her sons.
 - Children:
 - i. Alexander John,⁴ b. June 9, 1862; farmer with his bro.
 - ii. Mary Sophia,⁴ b. Sept. 18, 1866; d. July 24, 1884.
 - iii. Martin Gilbert,⁴ b. July 23, 1869.
 - iv. Lizzie Jane,⁴ b. Aug. 23, 1871; d. April 1872.
- 14 ABRAM MILLER,³ (James,² James,¹) b. Oct. 22, 1826; m. at Eaton, P. Q., 1851, Elmina, dau. Wm. Simons (b. Compton, P. Q., May 27, 1831; d. Aug. 14, 1873). They lived in Danville, where they were burned out. Rem. to R. and the farm where James E. Crown lives, where he d. Aug. 8, 1866. She m. 2d, Abram A. Whitehill, q. v.
 - Children:
 - i. Janet Asenath,⁴ b. Nov. 14, 1851; d. Sept. 25, 1852.
 - ii. Frank W.,⁴ b. Danville, Oct. 9, 1853; farmer in Ryegate with W. J. Smith. He m. Nov. 20, 1875, Mary J., dau. George Smith. No ch.
 - iii. George H.,⁴ b. Danville, Oct. 16, 1855; d. April 3, 1872.
 - iv. Edgar P.,⁴ b. Cabot, Jan. 27, 1857; d. May 26, 1867.
 - v. Son,⁴ b. and d. Dec. 25, 1859.
 - vi. Jennie E.,⁴ b. Cabot, Jan. 16, 1861; m. as 2d w. W. J. Smith, q. v.
 - vii. Hermon O.,⁴ b. Jan. 25, 1864.
- 15 THOMAS R.,³ (William,² James,¹) b. Groton, Oct. 27, 1834; enlisted in the Iowa cavalry, Aug. 15, 1861, and served in the Army of the Tennessee; discharged Oct. 14, 1864. Farmer. He m. 1st, in Madison Co., Iowa, May 8, 1867, Phebe E. Newland (b. Ohio, Aug. 6, 1849; d. Nov. 3, 1869). 2 ch. He m. 2d, Sept. 1, 1870, Sarah McCroy (b. Ireland, Oct. 9, 1836.)
 - Children: This record is by Mr. Miller.
 - i. William,⁴ b. March 21, 1868; m. a Miss Blair. 2 ch. in 1897.
 - ii. Elizabeth,⁴ b. June 12, d. Sept. 28, 1869.
 - iii. Mary,⁴ b. Aug. 2, 1871; d. Nov. 25, 1875.
 - iv. Thomas,⁴ b. Oct. 6, 1872; m. a Miss Humphrey.
 - v. John R.,⁴ b. Sept. 8, 1874.
 - vi. Bessie J.,⁴ b. Oct. 2, 1876.
- 16 SARAH G.,³ (William,² James,¹) b. Groton, Feb. 9, 1837; m. Dec. 9, 1856, in Page Co., Iowa, Robert W. Young of Clarinda. Covenanters.
 - Children:
 - i. William Andrew,⁴ [Young] b. Nov. 14, 1857,
 - ii. Edward Nelson,⁴ [Young] b. June 17, 1860.
 - iii. Thomas Roberts Whitehill,⁴ [Young] b. April 13, 1862.
 - iv. Robert McCluey,⁴ [Young] b. Dec. 10, 1865.
 - v. Hugh Howard,⁴ [Young] b. June 30, 1869.
 - vi. Mary Mattie,⁴ [Young] b. Dec. 12, 1871.
- 17 MARY ABIGAIL,³ (William,² James,¹) b. Barnet, Aug. 12, 1843; m. at Harlan, Page Co., Iowa, April 8, 1863; to James Taggart (b. Ireland, Sept. 29, 1838.)
 - Children:
 - i. William W.,⁴ [Taggart] b. Feb. 12, 1864.

- ii. James C.,⁴ [Taggart] b. March 4, 1865.
 - iii. Thomas R.,⁴ [Taggart] b. Aug. 21, 1866.
 - iv. Mary R.,⁴ [Taggart] b. March 27, 1868.
 - v. John A.,⁴ [Taggart] b. July 23, 1869.
 - vi. Hattie E.,⁴ [Taggart] b. Jan. 8, 1873.
- 18 PEDEN CARGILL,³ (Abram,² James,¹) b. Feb. 2, 1835; farmer in Peacham. He m. Feb. 25, 1858, Sarah Elizabeth, dau. Rev. Ora and Mary [Kimball] Pearson (b. Compton, P. Q., June 6, 1839. She m. 2d, Oct. 1, 1874, Enos Stevens of Barnet who d. Jan. 31, 1877. 3rd, Nov. 16, 1897, Josiah S. Kenerson of Barnet who d. May 31, 1895. She res. No. Reading, Mass.) He enlisted Jan. 4, 1864 in Co. E, 7th Vt. Vols., and d. at Barrancas, Fla., Sept. 29, 1864, 13 days after his bro. Calvin K., at the same place.

Children:

- i. George E.,⁴ b. Peacham, Oct. 22, 1860; fitted for college Peacham Acad.; grad. of Dartmouth Coll., 1886; Prin. High School, Garden Grove, Iowa, 1886-'87; Instructor Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, 1887-'89; Supt. City Schools, Iola, Kansas, 1889-'91; grad. College of Physicians and Surgeons, 1893; Interne, Mass. Infirmary, 1884; City Physician, Everett, Mass; member Board of Health and School Board Everett; Member Staff Whidden Memorial Hospital, Everett; m. Harriet T. Williams, Baldwin, Kansas, June 23, 1896. Two ch. who d. in infancy. One adopted child Florence Williams Whitehill, b. Oct. 22, 1894.
 - ii. Mary Jennette,⁴ b. Peacham Nov. 9, 1862; att. Mt. Holyoke Coll. 1881, '82; m. May 25, 1887, Lewis A. Bigelow. Res. No. Reading, Mass. Ch. (1) Marion Elizabeth,⁵ b. Everett, Mass., June 24, 1892; d. Sept. 27, 1899. (2) Dorothy Whitehill,⁵ b. Everett, April 2, 1894; entered Wheaton College, 1912.
- 19 JAMES R.,⁴ (James,³ John,² James,¹) b. Groton, May 14, 1848; m. 1st, Mira, dau. Hill and Polly (Smith) Morse of Cabot (b. May 16, 1847; d. Ryegate, April 5, 1891.) 2d, Sarah Jane, dau. Winchester and Sara (Ginster) Lord (b. Cabot, Jan. 23, 1853; d. Ryegate, Aug. 24, 1906.)

Children: By 1st marriage.

- i. Abbie L.,⁵ b. Nov. 17, 1881; d. Nov. 25, 1898.
By 2d marriage,
 - ii. Winnie Ellen,⁵ b. April 22; d. April 23, 1898.
- 20 WILLIAM ALEXANDER,⁴ (William,³ John,² James,¹) b. Groton, Aug. 13, 1857; farmer on the homestead till rem. to Groton Vill. ab. 1907. Mem. of Ref. Pres. ch. Barnet, and later of U. P. ch. at So. Ryegate. He m. 1st, May 1881, Nellie, dau. Peter Welch, who d. Nov. 4, 1891. 2d, 1893, Mary Heath.

Children by 1st marriage.

- i. Jennie,² who m. E. W. Clark of G.
 - ii. Linwood,⁵ of McIndoes.
- 21 ELLSWORTH,⁴ (Matthew,³ John,² James,¹) b. June 12, 1855; farmer in Morgan; Justice of the Peace, school director, town representative 1902. He m. June 6, 1889, Carrie Williams of Morgan.

Children:

- i. Earle John,⁵ b. Dec. 16, 1889; farmer.
- ii. Rena Mattie,⁵ b. July 8, 1891; teacher.
- iii. Alice Maude,⁵ b. Dec. 3, 1893; teacher.
- iv. Raymond Matthew,⁵ b. March 1, 1895; attending Derby Acad., 1912.
- v. Lucian Joel,⁵ b. Jan. 4, 1898. Att. Derby Acad., 1912.
- vi. Avis Dorothy,⁵ b. Jan. 6, 1900.
- vii. Iva Doris,⁵ b. Aug. 22, 1903.
- viii. Ellen Adelinc,⁴ b. Feb. 12, 1905.
- ix. Roger Ellsworth,⁵ b. Dec. 5, 1906.

THE ABRAHAM WHITEHILL FAMILY.

ABRAHAM,¹ younger brother of James Whitehill, b. Inchinnan ab. 1759; was a farmer and road maker in Scotland, and m. Dec. 12, 1781, Elizabeth Patterson of Govan. They came to America and Ryegate in 1800, his share of the Witherspoon tract being the three lots in the extreme n. w. corner of the town. His brother having preceded him by two years had made ready for him and had built a log house a few rods east of the present dwelling of Quincy A. Whitehill. About 1812 he built a stone house after the style then common in Scotland, which was used as a dwelling till about 1858. The eastern gable and part of the wall of the house are still standing, an interesting relic, much resembling the pictures of Kirk Alloway. He d. Aug. 14, 1813; she d. at the home of her son Peter in Groton, Nov. 19, 1841, aged 80. They are buried in the Groton-Peacham cemetery. "He possessed good business ability and acquired a good estate. He brought from Scotland a small library of religious works with which he was familiar. Both he and his wife were attached to Covenanting principles both in Scotland and America, and were original members of the Ref. Pres. ch."

Children, the older ones born in Scotland.

- i. Mary,² b. Nov. 8, 1782. All that is known of her is her name and date of birth, recorded in Scotland.
- ii. Agnes,² called Nancy, b. Feb. 13, 1784. Never m., d. April 8, 1830, while living with her mother and brothers.
- 1 iii. John,² b. April 13, 1786.
- iv. Elizabeth,² b. Jan. 5, 1788; d. Aug. 5, 1863; m. Ezra Gates, q. v.
- v. Abraham,² b. Feb. 2, 1790; killed by the falling of a tree, July 15, 1813, 30 days before his father's death.
- vi. Jean,² b. March 25, 1792.
- 2 vii. James,² b. June 22, 1794.
- 3 viii. William,² b. Feb. 18 1797.
- 4 ix. Peter,² b. Ryegate, Nov. 9, 1800.
- 5 x. Andrew,² b. Ryegate, July 25, 1804.

These dates of birth are from a record obtained by Mr. Miller, Feb. 5, 1883, who also records the birth of a 'lassie,' b. in Scotland, Jan. 27, 1796, which does not appear in the family records.

- 1 JOHN,² (Abraham,¹) b. Inchinnan, Scotland, April 13, 1786. Came to Ryegate with parents; farmer and mason. He m. June, 1811, by Rev. Wm. Gibson. Hannah, dau. Robards Darling of Groton (b. May 7, 1791.) Settled on the west lot of his father's farm, being the north-west lot in Ryegate, which he cleared and lived on till 1837, when he sold to his brother Andrew, and went west. He d. near Joliet, Ill., 1838 or 1839; she d. Groton, about 1839; bur. on the hill near H. C. Glover's.

Children all born in Ryegate.

- 6 i. Eliza,³ b. May 25, 1812.
- ii. Abram,³ b. ab. 1814; d. un-m. Philadelphia, Pa.
- 7 iii. John D.,³ b. May 17, 1816.
- 8 iv. James Milligan,³ b. May 17, 1817.
- 9 v. George W.,³ b. ab. 1823.
- 10 vi. Sarah Jane,³ b. July 9, 1824.
- 11 vii. Nancy A.,³ b. Dec. 10, 1828.
- 2 JAMES,² (Abraham,¹) b. June 22, 1794. Came to R. with parents. Settled on the farm which he cleared near his parents, where he spent his life, his farm being the east end of the three corner lots in R. He was m. Feb. 18. 1828, by Rev. James Milligan to Margaret, dau. John Holmes (b. R. Feb. 13, 1800; d. June 18. 1844, her funeral sermon being the first preached by Rev. James Beattie.) He d. Nov. 22, 1877, bur. Peacham Corner.

Children:

- i. Nancy Elizabeth,³ b. Feb. 26, 1830; m. Sept. 20, 1852, by Rev. Mr. Hitchcock to James F. Sawyer of Craftsbury (b. Danville, Vt., June 6, 1828.) They rem. to Omro, Wis. He served in the Union army, in the 21st Wis., which went with Sherman. He d. Jan. 14, 1880. One dau. Helen May (b. April 17, 1859,) res. Omro. Mrs. Sawyer d. June 5, 1903.
- 12 ii. Abram Patterson,³ b. June 19, 1832.
- iii. Margaret Galbraith,³ b. July 23, 1834; m. Lester Low, q. v.
- iv. Helen Mary A. b. Sept. 15, 1837; m. March 13, 1869, William Cassady (b. Kingsley, P. Q.) Came to Barnet at the age of 17; enlisted in the 15th Vt., 2d in 1st Vt. Cavalry. He bought the James Whitehill farm where he lived till death Oct. 3, 1903. She d. May 12, 1908; bur. at Peacham. One adopted son, Wilbert Renfrew who succeeded them on their homestead. Mrs. Cassady prepared with care and accuracy, the records of several families for this work.
- 3 WILLIAM,² (Abraham,¹) b. Inchinnan, Scotland, about March 9, 1797. Came to R. with parents in 1800; lived in the stone house after his father built it until 1857 when he built the house where the No. Ryegate creamery now is, and lived there. He m. 1st, 1834, Mary, dau. John Craig (b. Ryegate, June 12, 1810; d. July 30, 1844.) 2d Sept. 2, 1847, Lucina Bingham (b. Jan. 4, 1818, who m. 2d, Hugh Dunn, q. v.; d. April 17, 1883.) He d. April 9, 1865. All bur. in Walter Harvey cemetery. Members of Ref. Pres. ch.
Children all born in Ryegate:
 - i. Eliza,³ b. Oct. 8, 1834; m. March 15, 1855, Rev. John Capen of Mass. She d. Feb. 1867. Ch. Mary,⁴ b. 1857.
 - ii. Andrew,³ b. Sept. 17, 1836; m. Oct. 1, 1874, Carrie Martin (b. 1842.) Res. Peacham, Vt. No chil.
 - iii. Clara,³ b. June 15, 1838; m. Oct. 5, 1857, Joseph Bailey. (He enlisted in Co. G., 5th Vt., May 4, 1864; killed in battle, April 4, 1865.) She lived in Peacham; d. Feb. 15, 1911. Ch. (1) George H.,⁴ b. Aug. 24, 1858; m. 1st, Dec. 1, 1880, Sadie Brown. 2d, 1890, Rachel Bickelhammer. (2) Nellie L.,⁴ b. April 28, 1861; m. Aug. 19, 1886, Scott M. Farnum now of Lyndon, Vt. (3) Mary E.,⁴ b. Oct. 8, 1864.
- 13 iv. William H.,³ b. Feb. 25, 1841, q. v.
- v. Curtis,³ b. Nov. 7, 1843; d. Aug. 7, 1860.
By 2d marriage.
- vi. Martha D.,³ b. April 10, 1849; m. Dec. 5, 1867, by Rev. G. M. Wiley, Wm J. Smith, q. v.; d. Aug. 8, 1871.
- 4 PETER,² (Abraham,¹) b. Ryegate, Nov. 9, 1800. He bought ab. 1821, with his bro. Andrew, part of the Capt. Edmund Morse farm in Groton, which they carried on about 10 yrs., when he bought his bro. out, the farm now owned by Alex. J. Page, where he lived and d. He m. 1st, ab. 1831, Elizabeth, dau. John Dunn, (b. Aug. 1, 1802; d. July 24, 1843.) 2d, by John Darling, Esq., April 3, 1845, Pata Eliza, dau. John² (James¹) Whitehill (b. Sept. 26, 1819; d. Sept. 22, 1878.) He d. Aug. 27, 1884, bur. in Groton-Peacham cem.
Children by 1st marriage.
- 14 i. Abraham A.,³ b. Dec. 9, 1831.
- ii. Elizabeth,³ b. April 12, 1834; m. Feb. 6, 1867, Morris C. Vance; d. Groton, March 8, 1900. 5 chil.
- iii. Peter³ b. Oct. 27, 1839; d. June 24, 1843.
- iv. Judith Louisa,³ b. July 24, 1843; d. July 31, 1901; m. Chester Orr, q. v.
By 2d marriage
- v. Lydia Jane,³ b. Oct. 21, 1847; m. John McKindley of Ryegate.
- vi. Nancy Mariah,³ b. Nov. 24, 1849; m. Groton, Dec. 31, 1872, by J. R. Darling, Henry Eggleston of Barnet
- vii. Caroline C.,³ b. May 26, 1852; m. Robert Darling of Groton.
- viii. Peter Webster³ b. Aug. 21, 1855; m. July 4, 1880, Cora Ainsworth; d. Sept. 25, 1884. 2 ch.

- ix. Justin,³ b. Groton, Dec. 26, 1862; d. Jan. 21, 1884.
- 5 ANDREW,² (Abraham,¹) b. in Ryegate, July 25, 1804. Owned with his bro. Peter the Edmund Morse farm in Groton, then settled near the corner of the town west of where his son, Q. A. Whitehill lives; buildings all gone. He m. Nov. 28, 1837, by Rev. Wm. Pringle, Isabel R., dau. John Craig (b. Dec. 13, 1811; d. Oct. 25, 1870). He d. Nov. 27, 1870.
- Children:
- 15 i. Caroline,³ b. Sept. 25, 1838.
 ii. Louisa Jane,³ b. April 1, 1841; d. un-m. July 19, 1893.
 iii. Curtis,³ (adopted) son of Wm. and Mary [Craig] Whitehill, b. Nov. 7, 1843, adopted July 1844; d. Aug. 7, 1860.
 iv. Quincy Andrew,³ b. Aug. 14, 1848. Farmer on the homestead of Abraham Whitehill. Town representative 1896. Elder in Pres. ch. W. Barnet. He m. Sept. 2, 1885, by Rev. John Bole, Abbie A., dau. Wm. Warden (b. Barnet, Oct. 26, 1856). Ch. Nelson Craig,⁴ b. Nov. 16, 1894.
- 6 ELIZA,³ (John,² Abraham,¹) b. May 25, 1812; m. March 22, 1839, Thomas Goodwin (b. May 1812; d. Feb. 16, 1888.) She d. Groton, Nov. 7, 1895.
- Children:
- i. John W.,⁴ [Goodwin] b. Dec. 13, 1839; m. June 19, 1861, Celestia M. Kittredge of Lowell, Mass. He d. March 31, 1876. Ch. (1) Elsie M.,⁵ b. Aug. 5, 1862. (2) George K.,⁵ b. April 12, 1865. (3) Minnie E.,⁵ b. July 8, 1866. (4) Lizzie J.,⁵ b. May 31, 1869. (5) Daisy N.,² b. April 14, 1872. (6) John J.,⁵ b. June 19, 1875.
 ii. Reuben,⁴ [Goodwin] b. Aug. 4, 1841; enlisted in Co. H., 3d Vt. Vols. in the Civil war; wounded in the Wilderness, May 5, 1864, d. May 17, of his wounds.
 iii. Phebe R.,⁴ [Goodwin] b. July 3, 1843; d. Jan. 15, 1866; m. Wesley J. Millis, q. v.
 iv. Elsie Jane,⁴ [Goodwin] b. July 3, 1845; drowned in Groton Pond, July 4, 1862.
 v. George W.,⁴ [Goodwin] b. April 7, 1848; m. 1875, Henrietta Boulanger of Canada, who d. April 30, 1894. 2d, Aug. 1, 1895, Annette Bragg of Strafford, Vt.
 vi. Hannah J.,⁴ [Goodwin] b. April 8, 1850; m. Nov. 7, 1866, Timothy Emery. She d. June 23, 1893.
 vii. Mary S.,⁴ [Goodwin] b. June 27, 1856; m. Sept. 6, 1888, Wentworth B. Morton.
- 7 JOHN D.,³ (John,² Abraham,¹) b. May 17, 1816; blacksmith; m. March 29, 1838, Eliza Ann, dau. David and Betsey Silver (b. April 10, 1818; d. Groton March 24, 1849.) He d. in G., May 20, 1848; bur. in Groton cem.
- Children:
- i. Hannah,⁴ b. Groton, Jan. 10, 1839; d. Feb. 15, 1845.
 ii. John D.,⁴ b. Groton, July 17, 1845; enlisted in a N. H. Reg. in the civil war; discharged from disability arising from eating cakes containing ground glass, sold by a rebel woman. Ret. to Vt.; re-enlisted in Co. I, 2d Mass. Cav.; d. of measles at Yorktown, Va., March 30, 1863.
 iii. David Osman,⁴ b. May 1, 1847; shoemaker; went to Wis. 1871; m. Mary A., dau. Cutting and Sarah J. [Whitehill] Bennett; d. Sept. 7, 1904. Ch. (1) Mrs. C. R. Moore,⁵ (2) Lottie,⁵ (3) Osman Darling,⁵ all of Wonewoc, Wis.
- 8 JAMES MILLIGAN,³ (John,² Abraham,¹) b. May 17, 1817; m. July 27, 1843, Sylvia Ann Heath, who d. March 6, 1893. He d. Aug. 22, 1893.

Children:

- i. Josephine L.,⁴ (Mrs. Sharp.)
 ii. Harold Alonzo,⁴
 iii. George Adelbert.⁴

- iv. Harvey,⁴
 - v. Horace L.,⁴ d. in 4th year.
 - vi. Sarah Myra,⁴ (Mrs. Shephard) d. at Ora, Neb. aged 33.
 - vii. Thaddeus K.,⁴ d. at 32.
One ch. d. in infancy.
- 9 GEORGE W.,³ (John,² Abraham,¹) b. about 1823; blacksmith; enlisted Dec. 15, 1863, Co. B, 6th Vt. Vols.; taken prisoner at the Battle of the Wilderness, May 5, 1864; d. Andersonville prison. He m. 1st, Emily Heath (b. Canada, 1823; d. Groton, Nov. 20, 1854.) 2d, Mrs. Susan [Lund] Eggleston.
- Children (by 1st marriage) all born in Groton.
- i. Wm. H. H.,⁴ b. Groton 1846; enlisted Dec. 15, 1863, Co. B, 6th Vt. Vol. Served through the war; settled at Avon, Montana. No ch.
 - ii. George W.,⁴ b. Groton, ab. 1848; d. Boston, July 3, 1873.
 - iii. Benjamin,⁴ b. April 6, 1852.
 - iv. James William,⁴ b. June 15, 1854.
By 2d marriage.
 - v. William Wallace,⁴ b. Dec. 13, 1857,
 - vi. Olive,⁴ b. July 13, 1860.
 - vii. Emily,⁴ d. young.
- 10 SARAH JANE,³ (John,² Abraham,¹) b. Ryegate, July 9, 1824; m. Dec. 26, 1839, Cutting Bennett of Groton. They went to Wis., and settled at Prairie du Sac, where he d. Sept. 8, 1867. She d. 1889.
- Children:
- i. Lydia R.,⁴ [Bennett] m. O. M. Langman; res. Prairie du Sac.
 - ii. Julia A.,⁴ [Bennett]* m. T. R. Dunn. Res. Elroy, Wis.
 - iii. Stephen W.,⁴ [Bennett.]* Res. Prairie du Sac.
 - iv. Albert H.,⁴ [Bennett.]* Res. No. Freedom, Wis.
 - v. Leverett,⁴ [Bennett.]* Res. Belleville, Wis.
 - vi. Mary A.,⁴ [Bennett] m. David O. Whitehill. q. v.
 - vii. Peter W.,⁴ [Bennett.] Res. Williamsburg, Va.
- 11 NANCY A.,³ (John,² Abraham,¹) b. Dec. 10, 1828; m. April 28, 1850, L. Harrison Page; d. March 10, 1878. He d. Oct. 4, 1882, near Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin.
- Children all born Groton.
- i. Curtis,⁴ [Page] b. Aug. 26, 1852; d. Groton, Feb. 8, 1854.
 - ii. Charles H.,⁴ [Page] b. Sept. 5, 1855; d. Baraboo, Wis., Dec. 12, 1907.
 - iii. Harwood V.,⁴ b. March 5, 1860; res. Prairie du Sac, Wis.
- 12 ABRAM PATTERSON,³ (James,² Abraham,¹) b. June 19, 1832; common school education; farmer on homestead till d. He m. Jan. 1864, by Rev. J. M. Beattie, Lydia M., dau. William Whitehill of Groton (b. Feb. 10, 1843.) He d. April 23, 1867.
- Children:
- i. Fannie May,⁴ b. April 15, 1865; d. Jan. 1888; m. Sept. 15, 1887, Silas Page of Groton.
 - ii. Nellie Anna,⁴ b. Jan. 1867; m. also Sept. 15, 1887, Palmer Dickerman of Topsham. Ch. Mary, Fanny and Margaret. Mr. Dickerman rep. Topsham in the legislature of 1896.
- 13 WM. HENRY HARRISON,³ (Wm.,² Abraham,¹) b. Feb. 25, 1841. Enlisted July 2, 1862, in Co. A, 10th Vt. Served most of the time in 1st Brig. 3d Div. 6th Army Corp. Was in Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Winchester, Fisher Hill, Cedar Creek and Appomatox. Must. out June 22 and reached home July 2, 1865. Went to Iowa, 1867 and settled at Green Mountain; rem. to State Center, 1871. Held town and county offices, was commander of Grand Army Post, and a mem. of Pres. ch. He m. 1869, Margaret J. Gibson (b. Barnet, Jan. 10, 1840.)

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*Deceased.

Children:

- i. Nelson McPhee,⁴ b. Green Mountain, Iowa, Oct. 13, 1870; physician at Boone, Iowa. He m. Dec. 25, 1897, Mary L. Brown. Ch. (1) Sarah Margaret,² b. Dec. 31, 1898. (2) Charlotte Brown,⁵ b. Jan. 27, 1901. *3 Mary Elizabeth*
 - ii. William John,⁴ b. State Centre, Ia., Dec. 25, 1872. In bus. there; m. April 9, 1903, Etta Major. Ch. Dorothy Annabel,⁵ b. Nov. 30, 1905.
 - iii. Benjamin Chase,⁴ b. March 6, 1875; m. April 5, 1900, Mamie Vance. Ch. (1) Nelson William,⁵ b. March 3, 1901. (2) Joseph Gibson,⁵ b. Nov. 22, 1902.
 - iv. Annabel Gibson,⁴ b. June 29, 1877; teacher at Fort Collins, Colorado.
- 14 ABRAHAM A.,³ (Peter,² Abraham,¹) b. Groton, Dec. 9, 1831. Bought the Edmund Morse farm of A. H. Hill in 1857. He m. 1st, Jane Adeline, dau. Reuben Whitcher (b. Oct 15, 1826; d. April 22, 1865. 2d, March 13, 1867, Mrs. Almira Simons, widow of Abram M. Whitehill who d. Aug. 14, 1873. He d. June 16, 1872; bur. Walter Harvey cem.

Children by 2d marriage.

- i. Peter Grant,⁴ b. April 26, 1868; d. May 6, 1874.
 - ii. Addie E.,⁴ b. May 20, 1871; d. March 18, 1892.
- 15 CAROLINE,³ (Andrew,² Abraham,¹) b. Sept. 25, 1838; m. Dec. 1, 1859 by Rev. David Packer, Lorenzo D. Hooker (b. June 2, 1833; d. Hardwick, Vt., May, 1903.) She d. Cabot, Vt., June 30, 1867.

Children all born Cabot.

- i. Alfred Curtis,⁴ [Hooker] b. April 12, 1862; m. Oct. 1, 1896 by Rev. W. T. Swinnerton, Mary Agnes Lupien. Ch. Mildred Whitehill,⁵ b. April 14, 1900.
- ii. Almira Isabel,⁴ b. Aug. 12, 1863; m. at Plainfield, Vt., July 16, 1888 by Rev. John J. Hall, Rev. W. T. Swinnerton, then pastor of the Cong. ch. at Plainfield, Ch. (1) Caroline Hooker,⁵ [Swinnerton] b. May 19, 1889. (2) Emma Isabel,⁵ b. Aug. 11, 1890; m. at Springdale, Conn., Oct. 6, 1909 by her father, to Albert P. E. Gascoigne. (3) Alice May,⁵ b. Oct. 31, 1891; m. at same time and place as her sister Emma, Herbert T. Gascoigne. (4) Laura Gertrude,⁵ b. April 5, 1893. (5) Arthur Vincent,⁵ b. Feb. 4, 1896.
- iii. Annette Louisa,⁴ b. March 2, 1865; m. May 4, 1887, Willard E. Long. 3 ch.

WHITELAW.

WILLIAM Whitelaw of Burnhead, Bothwell parish, Lanarkshire, Scotland, was b. in 1715, and d. Oct. 1787. He was an extensive farmer, holding several "tacks," as leased farms are called in Scotland. His letters indicate a man of good education, and excellent business judgment. He m. Marion Hamilton (b. Bothwellhaugh, Bothwell parish, 1726; d. 1773.) John Whitelaw, bro. of William, lived to the great age of 106 years, walking ten miles to a funeral the week before his death. John Whitelaw, of the same family, in an earlier generation, was executed at the Old Tolbooth of Edinburgh in 1683, four years after the battle of Bothwell Bridge in which he had taken a part, and was well known as a determined supporter of Covenanting principles.

The children of William Whitelaw as far as we can gather from his letters were—William, James, Thomas, George, Alexander, Jean, Marion and Janet. Jean m. George Jackson; Thomas m. Isabel Cross in Feb. 1786; James and Alexander came to America. William Whitelaw was a Whig and his sympathies were with the American cause in the revolutionary war.

JAMES,¹ son of Wm., was b. at Old Monkland Jan. 31, 1748, in a house which stood till 1896. He early showed a talent for mathematics, was well educated and became a practical land surveyor. His ability

and fidelity must have been well known, as at the age of 25 he was chosen by the Scotch-American Company of Farmers as one of their commissioners to go to America and select lands for settlement. His travels and labors are related in the earlier chapters of this volume. His ability as a land surveyor early attracted attention and on Feb. 27, 1782, he was appointed by Ira Allen, then Surveyor General, to ascertain, in pursuance of an act of the legislature, the bounds of towns on Connecticut River from the s. e. corner of Norwich to the n. e. corner of Barnet, thence as far as towns had been granted, making a plan of the river, marking the general course of all streams. This task he executed with so much fidelity that in 1784, Mr. Allen resigned the office in Mr. Whitelaw's favor, to which he was annually re-elected by the legislature as long as he chose to serve. The office of Surveyor General was then, perhaps, the most important in the state. As a land surveyor he had no superior, and "Whitelaw's Surveys" are still constantly referred to as authority in all matters relating to lands and roads. His duties led him into all parts of the state, much of which was unbroken wilderness; he surveyed and made maps of more than 40 towns. Many of these maps were found by the editor of this volume among his papers, and are now carefully mounted in the office of the secretary of state at Montpelier. In 1804 he resigned his office, and opened a land office at his home, attending to the purchase and sale of lands, and the charge of estates for non-residents. His knowledge of lands in all parts of the state was marvelous and he seems to have been able to give at a moment's notice, a description of any tract of land under his charge, its situation, soil, timber and probable value. His correspondence was immense, embracing prominent men in all parts of the country, and in four small folio volumes are recorded the abstracts of his replies to more than 8000 letters. His papers contain incidentally, a vast amount of information regarding the early history and settlement of the northern part of the state. The journals of the General Assembly and of the Governor and Council show the high estimate in which he was held. In 1788 he made a plan of the state, and in 1796 made the first map of Vermont which he improved and enlarged in 1810, of which many copies were printed. This map shows the location of villages, roads, meeting houses, mills, etc. The copyright for this map was sold to Ebenezer Hutchinson of Windsor, who printed an enlarged edition and all the township maps of the state are based upon Whitelaw's map. In 1813 he prepared a map of the northern part of the U. S., and the southern part of Canada.

He seems to have been the first town representative, and was chosen by the legislature as the member from Caledonia county of a committee to fix upon a permanent capital for the state. Montpelier being selected, in 1805, General Whitelaw, Elijah Paine of Williamstown and Ezra Cutler of Waterbury, were chosen a committee "to fix upon a place in the town of Montpelier for the erection of buildings for the accommodation of the legislature of this state and prepare a plan for such buildings." His abilities were recognized in other states. In 1801 the N. H. legislature voted that Gen. James Whitelaw of Ryegate, Gen. Elias Stevens of Royalton and Col. Micah Barron of Bradford, all in Vermont, should be a committee to locate and survey the 4th New Hampshire Turnpike. Party spirit, personal and political animosities, prevented the selection of men in that state for the purpose, while all could agree to leave the matter in the hands of these gentlemen from Vermont. His capacity for transacting business was marvelous. He performed an immense amount of work, yet his correspondence shows no trace of haste and from it one would gain the impression that he was a gentleman of leisure. He was scrupulous to a degree and with opportunities for acquiring immense wealth was only in comfortable circumstances. He received grants of wild land in

different parts of the state, much of which was of little value in his own time and for his services for the town and state is not believed to have received anything like adequate compensation. In person he was about five feet ten inches in height, with a sinewy, well-knit frame, capable of great endurance. He had a singular indifference to cold, and would survey all day in the most severe weather, seldom using any covering for his hands, remaining night and day in the woods for weeks at a time.

From the time he left Scotland till his appointment as Surveyor General he was the manager for the Scotch American Co., kept its accounts, and executed deeds of land in its behalf. He was town clerk nearly 50 years, and the first postmaster, holding the office nearly 30 years, and it was mainly by his efforts that the mail route was extended from Newbury to Danville. He was a trustee of Peacham Academy from its opening to 1811, and with Col. Harvey gave the name to Caledonia County. His immense collection of bound newspaper volumes was lost in the burning of the State House, Jan. 5, 1857. His compass, made by John Gardner of Glasgow, his surveyor's chain and the journal of his journey with David Allan through the middle and southern colonies are owned by the Vt. Historical Society, the spy-glass used by him in surveying is in the Museum at St. Johnsbury, and his maps of towns and surveys are in the office of the Secretary of State at Montpelier.

For his services in surveying the town he received a grant of land now comprised in the farms of Albert M. Whitelaw and Hermon Miller, and his first house, the first framed dwelling in Caledonia Co., built in 1775, stood till 1909. He died after a short illness, April 29, 1829, and was bur. at Ryegate Corner. In politics he was a Federalist; and was a Mason of high degree, both in Scotland and in America. He was a member of the established Presbyterian church in Scotland, but was never connected with any church in America, yet lived a strict religious life, and was a strong and liberal supporter of the Associate church. "Few men," wrote his daughter, "were more beloved in life or lamented in death." "I wish," wrote Col. Thomas Johnson to Major Caleb Stark in 1803, "you knew our Surveyor General, Mr. Whitelaw. You don't meet more than one such man in a lifetime." Mr. Miller says, "I was born in his day, and have heard more about him than any other man, and never a syllable to his disparagement." Yet Mr. Miller records one instance where his patience was tried beyond endurance. He was noted for his hospitality, and his kindness to the unfortunate. His funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Thomas Goodwillie of Barnet, who prepared a biographical sketch published in the St. Johnsbury Caledonian, Nov. 18, 1864, and reprinted by the Vermont Historical Society in 1908.

James Whitelaw was m. 1st by Rev. Peter Powes, March 4, 1778 to Abigail, dau. of Col. Robert Johnston of Newbury (b. Hampstead, N. H., April 25, 1760; d. July 11, 1790.) 2d. Nov. 23, 1791 by Rev. Nathaniel Lambert to Susanna Rogers of Bradford (b. 1746; d. 1815). 3d, Aug. 29, 1815 by Rev. David Goodwillie to Janet, dau. Walter Brock and widow of Col. Alexander Harvey (b. 1767; d. 1854.)

Children all by 1st marriage.

- 1 I. ROBERT,² b. Nov. 26, 1778; d. March 9, 1859.
- 2 II. WILLIAM,² b. July 14, 1781; d. Dec. 5, 1858.
- III. ABIGAIL,² b. May 23, 1783; d. April 1, 1861; m. Alexander Henderson, q. v.
- IV. MARION,² b. Jan. 31, 1787; d. Jan. 7, 1864; m. William Wallace of Newbury. See History of Newbury.
- 1 ROBERT,² (James,¹) b. Nov. 26, 1778; farmer, his farm being a large part of that now owned by A. M. Whitelaw. His house, where he kept tavern a long time, was on the north side of the road, east of the present



GEN. JAMES WHITELAW.
(SILHOUETTE.)



ROBERT WHITELAW AND MEHITABEL BARRON WHITELAW.



WILLIAM T. WHITELAW.



MRS. ABIGAIL WHITELAW HENDERSON.

house. The buildings are all gone. Gen. Whitelaw's work as a surveyor and other public business kept him much from home, and the management of his affairs fell upon Robert. The farm was large and productive. One year he raised 1300 bush. of oats in one field all reaped with a sickle, and threshed with a flail, averaging a bushel from 12 sheaves. At one time he engaged quite extensively in the manufacture of spinning wheels, supplying the whole section. Women sometimes came from a distance to reap grain to pay for a wheel. He also erected a tannery on his farm as early as 1815, in which was carried on a shoe making business, employing several men. Prominent in town and county affairs, being town representative 1823-'25, '35, '36, '42, '44, nine years; director in the Passumpsic Turnpike Company, and other enterprises. He had his first pair of shoes at 12 years of age and used to walk barefoot to church at Newbury, putting on his shoes when he reached there, taking them off again to walk home. He was not a church member, but conducted devotional exercises in his family and knew the Shorter Catechism from beginning to end. He was a man of strict integrity. Mrs. Whitelaw was a member, successively of Cong. ch.'s in W. Bath, Newbury and Wells River. He m. Feb. 27, 1804, Mehitabel, dau. Col. John and Mehitabel [Rogers] Barron (b. Bradford, Nov. 24, 1779; d. Griggsville, Ill., July 27, 1868). He d. March 9, 1859; both bur. at Ryegate Corner. The old tavern stand was taken down ab. 1882.

Children:

- i. Susanna Mehitabel,³ b. Dec. 4, 1804, d. y.
- 3 ii. John Barron,³ b. April 11, 1806,
- 4 iii. James Hamilton,³ b. Oct. 3, 1807.
- 5 iv. William Trotter,³ b. July 4, 1809.
- v. Abigail Johnston,³ b. June 11, 1811; d. July 5, 1875; m. Wm. J. White. q. v.
- vi. Susanna Mehitabel,³ b. Nov. 22, 1812; d. April 17, 1899; m. Moses W. White, q. v.
- vii. George Peters,³ b. Aug. 1, 1815; d. Dec. 14, 1817.
- 6 viii. Alexander Harvey,³ b. July 20, 1818.
- ix. Eustis Leroy,³ b. Aug. 13, 1825; d. April 16, 1826.
- 2 WILLIAM,² (James,¹) b. July 14, 1781; went to N. Y. State while a young man, remaining several years; ret. to the homestead and m. by Rev. Thos. Ferrier, May 29, 1823, Helen, dau. Col. Alexander Harvey (b. Dec. 14, 1783; d. March 17, 1872.) Succeeded his father on the homestead and built the present house on the site of the 2d frame house built by his father. He d. Dec. 5, 1858. No chil.
- 3 JOHN B.,³ (Robert,² James,¹) b. April 29, 1806. Was taught surveying by his grandfather, Gen. James Whitelaw. In mercantile bus. N. Y. City 1835-'40; rem. to St. Louis 1840, to Galena, Ill., 1845, to Mineral Point, Wis., 1846, where he again became a surveyor. App. by the U. S. government to survey and select the swamp lands of Wisconsin in which he was engaged a number of years. He m. 1828, Caroline Gillett of White River Junction. She d. 1860, and he ret. to St. Louis, where his only living ch. had located. He d. Dec. 4, 1884, at the home of his sister, Susan J. White, Griggsville, Ill.

Children:

- i. Son,⁴ d. in young manhood.
- 7 ii. George P.,⁴ b. Ryegate, May 28, 1830.
- 4 JAMES HAMILTON,³ (Robert,² James,¹) b. Oct. 3, 1807. Went west when a young man, and settled finally at St. Louis, where he was quite prominent, and was harbor master for many years. Nothing can be learned regarding his family.
- 5 WILLIAM TROTTER,³ (Robert,² James,¹) b. July 4, 1809; farmer with his father, and succeeding him; carpenter, serving his time with Leonard Gale of Wells River; his special work was wood turning, or lathe

work. When married he bought 50 acres of the old Whitelaw farm, on which he built the present house in 1843. At the death of his father he purchased the no. half of his estate. Justice of the Peace many years and during the civil war was enrolling officer; also on com. to enlist men to fill quotas; town rep. 1851, '52. He m. in Peacham, April 30, 1835 by Rev. L. Worcester, Lucy Wells Morse (b. Oct. 1817; d. Jan. 2, 1866.) Members of Cong. ch. at Wells River. Their greatest success was the founding of a typical N. E. home. He d. May 17, 1888.

Children:

- i. Britann,⁴ b. Jan. 10, 1838; m. W. W. Wright, q. v.
- 8 ii. Oscar L.,⁴ b. May 19, 1841.
- 9 iii. Albert M.,⁴ b. Aug. 2, 1844.
- 10 iv. Robert H.,⁴ b. Sept. 11, 1847.
- 6 ALEXANDER HARVEY,³ (Robert,² James,¹) b. 1815; m. ab. 1848, Mary Sumner of Nashua, N. H. Went west about 1857; d. ab. 1870.

Children:

- i. Alice.⁴
- ii. Abigail,⁴ b. March 27, 1852 (T. R.)
- iii. Conrad.⁴
- iv. Carlos S.⁴
- 7 GEORGE P.,⁴ (John B.,³ Robert,² James,¹) b. Ryegate. May 28, 1830. Went with parents to New York, St. Louis and Wis. Crossed the Plains, 1850 to Cal., and was in gold mining till 1853; ret. to St. Louis and was in the mercantile business until 1874, now conducted by his cousins and successors, Oscar L., and Robert H. Whitelaw; traveled some years, still calling St. Louis his home; rem. permanently in 1879 to Santa Barbara, Cal. He m. Dec. 22, 1859, Emma J. Gill of St. Louis.

Children:

- i. Charles W.,² b. St. Louis. Sept. 27, 1860; ed. grammar school and Racine (Wis.) College. In wholesale grocery bus. at St. Louis 1880-'93, when he became vice-president of the Huse-Loomis Ice and Transportation Co. In 1893 he organized the Polar Wave Ice and Fuel Co., and became its president and so remains. Res. 5291 Westmister Place, St. Louis. He m. Sept. 16, 1885, Jennie Lee Nanson. Ch. George P.,⁶ b. March 7, 1890.
- ii. George G.,⁵ b. St. Louis, Oct. 14, 1862; ed. prim. dept. Washington Univ.; grad. Harvard Univ. 1887. In wholesale grocery business, and now vice-president of the Scudders-Gale Grocery Co. Res. St. Louis 5825 Gates Ave. He m. Oct. 16, 1889, Fredericka Allison. No ch.
- iii. Emma J.,⁵ m. Judge Daniel G. Taylor, now on the Circuit Bench, St. Louis.
- 8 OSCAR LIVINGSTON,⁴ (Wm. T.,³ Robert,² James,¹) b. May 10, 1841. Com. sch. edu. and 3 terms in Peacham Acad. Clerk in Baldwin & Burpee's shoe store. St. Johnsbury; later with J. C. Bingham at St. J. Telegraph operator there till enlisted 1862 in Co. K, 15th Vt. Vols.; served as ward master. After discharge, with M. S. Burr & Keyes, druggists, Boston, as clerk and traveling salesman, in the Provinces. Went to St. Louis as clerk for George P. Whitelaw, in the paint and oil business which had been established 1853, and in 1885 with his brother Robert succeeded to the business under the firm name of "Whitelaw Bros., Dealers and Commission Merchants in Chemicals, Oils, Paints and Drugs." Office 409 No. Second St., res. 3631 Washington Ave. Member of Merchant's Exchange (2d vice-pres., 1897; 1st vice-pres., 1898; pres., 1899.) President of National Paint and Varnish Ass., 1889; President National Transportation Ass., 1897-1900; member and vice-pres., Business Men's League of St. Louis; app. 1911 by Pres. Taft, Assistant Treasurer of the U. S., in charge of the Sub-Treasury at St. Louis. Member of board of trustees and president some years of St. Louis Public Library. Member of First

Cong. ch.; treas. St. Louis Bible Soc.; registrar St. Louis Ass. Cong. Ministers and Churches. Member N. E. Soc., Ransom Post, G. A. R., and of several clubs and associations. He m. at St. Louis, May 8, 1873, Lillie Dwight Lathrop.

Children:

- i. Mrs. Grace L. Wallace.⁵
- ii. Mrs. Bessie D. Terry.⁵
- iii. Mrs. Lucy L. Rexford.⁵
- iv. Hamilton D.⁵

- 9 ALBERT MORSE,⁴ (Wm. T.,³ Robert,² James,¹) b. Aug. 2, 1844; com. sch. ed.; farmer on homestead. Private in Co. K, 15th Vt. Vols., in the civil war. Member of state militia 2d Brigade, 6th Reg. Co. F. Fourth sergeant at organization Dec. 12, 1864; prom. to captain May 6, 1865; served till disbanded. He m. at Bath, N. H., June 19, 1867, by Rev. Asa Mann, Stella Ann Squier, (b. Newbury, May 20, 1846.) Members of Cong. ch. at Wells River in which he has been a deacon since 1877. A spot about eight rods e. of his barn, on the site of the log cabin built by James Whitelaw was in early times and for many years called "Old Smoky." Supposed to have been called so because it was low, swampy land where smoke naturally settles.

Children all born in Ryegate.

- i. Harry Allison,⁵ b. Feb. 28, 1871; m. in Boston, Mass., Jan. 3, 1900, Georgena Harrington, dau. of Charles and Gladys Greenough (b. Worcestershire, Eng., July 28, 1877.) Supt. National Sailors Home at Wollaston Heights, Mass.
- ii. William Herbert,⁵ b. Feb. 19, 1873; m. at Franklin Falls, N. H., June 8, 1898, Lottie May, dau. LeRoy W., and Charlotte [Morrison] Sanborn (b. Franklin Falls, Nov. 9, 1874; grad. 1897 from N. E. Holt Normal, Music School, Lexington, Mass.) Train despatcher at North Station Boston, Fitchburg Div., B. and M. R. R.
- iii. Lillian Gray,⁵ b. March 13, 1876; m. in R. Sept. 5, 1905, Harry Bryant Center (b. Gloucester, Mass., Feb. 16, 1875; grad. 1900, with degree of A. B. from College of Liberal Arts Boston Univ. Began work on Boston Post, 1902, sporting editor of do. 8 yrs. Now [Dec. 1912] business manager of Quebec Chronicle.) Ch. Edward Whitelaw,⁶ [Center] b. Boston, Jan. 4, 1907.
- iv. Marion Louise,⁵ b. Feb. 7, 1879; teacher for 15 yrs. in Vt. and Mass.
- v. Stella Agnes,⁵ b. Dec. 3, 1883.

- 10 ROBERT HENRY,⁴ (Wm. T.,³ Robert,² James,¹) b. Sept. 11, 1847; com. sch. ed. Badly injured in left forearm by the discharge of a musket in 1862. After recovery grad. from Chamberlin's Bus. Coll., Boston. With Gardner Brewer & Co., Wool Merchants, Boston; afterwards with Boston Belting Co., as asst. cashier. Went to St. Louis as asst. bookkeeper for Geo. P. Whitelaw. Has been in business there, and in partnership with his brother Oscar L., since 1886. He has held many positions of trust and responsibility, but his most conspicuous public service has been in connection with the Municipal Bridge and Terminals Commission. This Commission was authorized by the Municipal Assembly, and appointed by the Mayor in 1905. The Mayor is ex-officio chairman and Mr. Whitelaw was selected as the vice-chairman, a position which he still occupies. Situated as St. Louis is, on the west side of the Mississippi River, with large interests in Illinois many conditions had arisen which were a serious handicap to its mercantile and manufacturing interests. The patient and painstaking efforts of the Commission have entirely removed these obstacles, and brought to harmonious adjustment many vexatious problems. In politics, republican. Member of 1st Cong. ch., treasurer 21 yrs., member of board of trustees 25 yrs. Member of Missouri and Vt. Hist. Soc's and of the St. Louis Museum of Fine Arts; member of St. Louis and

Round Table clubs. He m. at St. Louis, Feb. 1876, Mary Gray, dau. James and Rebecca [Bowen] Westgate of Nantucket, Mass. She d. 1890.

Children:

- i. Margaret Gray,⁵ m. Eugene Smith Wilson, an attorney of St. Louis, and a graduate of Amherst Coll.
- ii. Ralph Thomas,⁵ grad. Amherst Coll. 1902.
- iii. Robert Malcolm,⁵ grad. Amherst Coll. 1907.
The sons are engaged with their father in business and reside at the Buckingham Hotel.

In 1844, Robert Whitelaw saw an advertisement stating that two children named Whitelaw at Litchfield, Ct., whose parents were dead, would be sent to the almshouse unless homes could be found for them, asking any one interested to confer with the authorities of L. He drove to L. got the children and brought them home, a girl of 4½ yrs. and a boy of 3 yrs. He adopted the girl and his brother William took the boy. Their connection with the Ryegate family could not be traced. Their record is as follows:

WILLIAM S. Whitelaw b. Glasgow, Scotland, 1809; d. at Litchfield, Ct., Mar. 14, 1844. He m. Abbie S. ——— (b. Maine 1813; d. Cold Springs, N. J., Feb. 19, 1843.)

Children reared and educated in Ryegate.

- i. Agnes S., b. Bangor, Me., July 14, 1838; d. West Dedham, Mass. Dec. 1, 1888.
- ii. William H., b. Maine, Oct. 14, 1839; went to Hartford, Ct., 1859: enlisted 1862 in 19th Conn. Inf, afterward the 2d Conn. Heavy Artillery; wounded Sept. 19, 1864; dis. May 28, 1865 on account of wounds. Res. Hartford. He m. May 1875, Cornelia E. Whitelaw of H. One son b. Aug. 18, 1880; d. Feb. 25, 1886.

WHITELOW.

ALEXANDER,¹ Whitelaw, son of William of Scotland and youngest bro. of Gen. James Whitelaw was a calico printer by trade learning the trade at Paisley. Came to Waltham, Mass., ab. 1796, and was a very skillful workman. He m. ab. 1798 Mary Abbott of W. and d. there not far from 1812, and his younger chil. came to R. to live with their uncle. Mrs. W. d. in Barnet.

Children (as given by Mrs. Abbie Stuart Smith.)

- i. Sally,² b. Dec. 2, 1800; m. Cyril French of Milton, Mass.
- ii. Marion,² b. April 6, 1802; m. a Mr. Davis of Milton, Mass.
- iii. Jane,² b. Dec. 26, 1803; m. William Stuart, q. v. of Barnet.
- iv. Polly,² b. April 6, 1805; m. Joel Brock of Barnet. No chil.
- v. Margaret,² b. June 30, 1807; m. Walter Brock of Barnet. 12 chil., 6 sons, 6 daus.
- vi. Alexander Hamilton,² b. July 30, 1809; m. Phebe ———. Lived and d. at Laurel Hill, Ind.

WHITTAKER.

SAMUEL,¹ of Scotch-Irish descent, b. Londonderry, N. H., 1769; came to Barnet, 1795, then to R. where he lived with John Cameron 5 yrs. He m. July 17, 1802 by Rev. William Gibson, Janet Little of Lyman, who d. ab. Aug. 30, 1805. 2d, Dec. 11, 1806 by Rev. William Gibson, Ruth, dau. Jacob Page (b. Haverhill, N. H., May 4. 1783; d. Dec. 14, 1854.) Samuel Whittaker's farm was between Geo. Cochran's and G. G. Nelson's; buildings all gone, land afterward owned by W. J. Symes, now by Mr. Cochran. He d. 1842; bur. at Ryegate Corner. Members of Ref. Pres. ch.

Children all born in Ryegate. By 1st m. (from Family Bible of Samuel Whittaker.)

- i. Lydia,² b. 1802; d. un-m.
 - ii. Janet,² b. 1805; m. James Harvey.
By 2d marriage.
 - iii. Sarah,² b. Sept. 1, 1809; d. July 3, 1833.
 - 1 iv. Emeline,² b. Oct. 14, 1812.
 - v. Nathan,² b. Sept. 6, 1822.
 - 1 EMELINE,² (Samuel,¹) b. Oct. 14, 1812; m. 1st, at Ryegate by Rev. Wm. Pringle, Jan. 25, 1840, John N. M. Scott (b. Ireland, May 7, 1818; d. Sutter's Creek, Cal., Nov. 19, 1852). 2d. April 16, 1862, Bailey White of Newbury (b. Nov. 30, 1807; d. Feb. 1892). Lived in Newbury 1862 to 1905; d. at Columbus, O., Dec. 8, 1902, and bur. there. Mem. Ref. Pres. ch. in R. and of Cong. ch. in Newbury. In Oct. 1892 she rec. a pension for the loss of her son David.
- Children all born in Ryegate.
- i. Samuel W.,³ [Scott] b. Oct. 2, 1840; d. Bath, N. H., July 15, 1863.
 - ii. David,³ b. Dec. 22, 1841; enlisted in the navy in the civil war; d. on the U. S. Ship Pioneer, at sea, Aug. 10, 1863.
 - iii. Sarah E.,³ b. July 27, 1843; d. July 30, 1847.
 - iv. Caroline,³ b. Sept. 11, 1845.
 - v. James P.,³ b. Oct. 10, 1847.
 - vi. Nathan,³ b. Sept. 18, 1850; m. at Boston, Dec. 31, 1871, Mary A. Roll. See appendix for further record.

WILEY.

REV. GEO. MARTIN WILEY¹ was b. at Putnam, N. Y., Dec. 13, 1830; fitted for college at Ft. Edward Institute and Cambridge (N. Y.) Acad.; grad. Union Coll., Schenectady, N. Y., 1859; Princeton Theo. Sem., 1862; licensed by the Argyle Pres. and came to Ryegate Corner where he was ordained and installed over the United Pres. ch. He res. March, 1868; pastor U. P. ch., W. Hebron, N. Y., till res. Oct. 11, 1901 and d. there April 15, 1902. He was a man of talent and power. Bur. at Hebron where his people erected a monument over his grave. He m. at R. May 21, 1868, by Rev. Wm. S. Palmer of Wells River, Ella Margarette, dau. M. R. Gray (b. Oct. 7, 1849; edu. McIndoes and Peacham Acads.)

Children, all b. W. Hebron, N. Y.

- i. Mabel Gray,² b. April 28, 1872; grad. N. Y. State Normal College, 1890; taught three yrs. in Argyle (N. Y.) Acad.; in Maynard, Mass. one yr.; in a training school, Norfolk, Va., three yrs; in New Dorp, Staten Island, nearly three yrs. Was m. Dec. 27, 1899, by her father in W. Hebron, N. Y. to Thomas E. Brownlee, a grad. of Yale Univ. and professor of mathematics, Cheshire, Conn., where both taught some yrs. In June, 1903, they came to Brooklyn, N. Y., where Mr. Brown was Prof. of Math. in Hefley School for nine yrs. He grad. in law from N. Y. Univ., 1910; ad. to the bar 1911. Now in practice in N. Y. city. Ch. John,³ b. Cheshire, Conn., July 25, 1903.
- ii. Margaret Cummings,² b. April 18, 1873; ed. W. Hebron Acad., studied music, several years; two years in Boston under the instruction of Prof. James W. Hill; taught four yrs; m. by her father, March 18, 1900, Howard P. Getz of Grand Junction, Iowa. Came to Chicago, 1902; rem. to Columbus, O., 1912; connected with Conn. Mutual Ins. Co. Ch. Dorothy,³ b. Sept. 5, 1901. Elizabeth,³ b. May 25, 1905.
- iii. Nellie Harvey,² b. June 6, 1874; ed. in public schools of W. Hebron; studied music several yrs.; entered a bus. coll., at Albany, N. Y., completing the course; held a position in a lawyer's office there. She m. July 6, 1904, W. Hebron, N. Y., by Rev. W. S. McEachron, John D. Bell, a salesman. Ch. Kathryn,³ b. Feb. 8, 1912.

- iv. George Martin,² b. Dec. 24, 1875; fitted for college, Glens Falls Acad.; grad. Union Coll., 1899; asst. prin., St. Johnsville (N. Y.) Acad.; prin. Palatine Budge, East Aurora, and Dunkirk High Schools; supt. City schools, Dunkirk, N. Y., 1905-'08; State Inspector of Schools, 1908-'10; Chief of administration division in N. Y. State education department. He m. June 25, 1902, St. Johnsville, N. Y., Miss Lillian Hoffman. Ch. Robert Hoffman,³ b. Oct. 11, 1910.
- v. John Gray,² b. Dec. 23, 1877; now with Am. Locomotive Works, Schenectady, New York.

WOOD.

HIRAM,¹ b. Burke, Vt., July, 1, 1805. His father was one of the first settlers and built the first house in the town. His sister Mary was a tailoress in Ryegate about 1838. Hiram m. April 21, 1830, Hannah, dau. Jonathan Gates (b. on the John S. Clough farm, March 29, 1803.) He d. Nov. 11, 1845. She m. 2d, Ashael Burrington; d. Jan. 8, 1854.

Children born in Groton.

- i. Mary Jane,² b. May 19, 1832; d. Nov. 25, 1882; m. 1870, Wm. B. Wilson (b. Scotland, Aug. 20, 1818.)
- ii. Eunice T.,² b. May 25, 1834, on the Peter Gibson farm, Ryegate; m. George E. Lind. Mr. Lind was a native of Germany. Lived at So. Ryegate many years. See appendix. He d. Sept. 1, 1909; she d. 1907. Members of 1st. Pres. ch.
- iii. John,² b. July 28, 1836.
- 1 iv. Hiram T.,² b. Oct. 15, 1838; d. Dec. 8, 1892.
- v. Roxana B.,² b. April 14, 1840.
- 1 HIRAM THOMAS,² (Hiram,¹) b. Oct. 25, 1838 in Groton; enlisted July 22, 1863, Co. B, 3d Vt.; wounded at the Battle of Cold Harbor, in the neck, badly; recovered and was in the last battles of the war around Petersburg. He m. Rosina Darling; d. Topsham, Dec. 8, 1892.

Children:

- i. Jennie E.,³ b. May 2, 1860; m. May 21, 1885, Everett E. Willey of Topsham.
- ii. Nathan D.,³ b. Feb. 16, 1862; m. Nov. 30, 1886, Lillie E. Bixby of Topsham; d. Oct. 16, 1889.
- iii. Geo. W.,³ b. Oct. 2, 1866; m. May 20, 1889, Myra A. Peaslee; res. Barre, Vt.; carpenter.
- iv. Walter A.,³ b. Feb. 18, 1879; m. July 4, 1891, Flora J. Bailey, gr. dau. Percival Bailey; res. Topsham.

WORMWOOD.

DANIEL,¹ b. in Maine, 1787; lived in Cornish, Me., where he m. Mary True of Sandford. They came to Groton 1807, and to Ryegate 1808 and began to clear the farm on the n. side of Blue Mt. afterwards owned by Edward Miller and now by Thos. A. Meader. They lived in Northumberland, N. H., ab. 6 yrs. She d. April 23, 1839. He d. Nov. 13, 1846.

Children:

- i. Ira,² b. in Me. 1803; never m., d. Boston.
- 1 ii. Thomas,² b. Cornish, Me., Sept. 1805.
- 2 iii. Daniel,² b. Dec. 21, 1807.
- iv. James,² b. Groton, 1810.
- v. Amos,² b. March 9, 1813; went to Texas, ab. 1844. 2 ch.
- vi. Obadiah,² b. Oct. 24, 1814; lived and d. in Boston.
- vii. Mary,² b. Nov. 9, 1816.
- viii. John,² b. July 3, 1819; m. Sarah Boise; went to Wis.
- ix. Janet,² (twin to above) m. Wm. Fisk of Groveton, N. H.

- 1 THOMAS,² (Daniel,¹) b. Cornish, Me., Sept. 1805; came to R. with parents, and m. 1st, March 18, 1837, Sarah, dau. Wm. Orr (b. R. Oct. 5, 1811; d. Oct. 31, 1865.) 2d, Sept. 11, 1872. Mrs. [Baileau] Sanderson. His first w. and five chil. d. bet. Sept. 1865, and Feb. 1866. He d. Groton, June 29, 1887, and bur. there. He lived in Topsham, Newbury and Groton.

Children: (Dates by E. Miller.)

- i. Mary Ann,³ b. Oct. 15, 1839; d. Oct. 15, 1865.
- ii. Sarah Jane,³ b. March, 1840; m. Herbert Snow of Seattle, Wash.
- iii. William,³ b. 1843; served in the Union army in Co. H, 12th Vt.; mustered out Oct. 4, 1863 and d. Jan. 12, 1866.
- iv. John,³ b. Newbury, 1845; d. 1817.
- v. Margaret Ellen,³ b. Oct. 16, 1846; d. Oct. 6, 1865.
- vi. Caroline Amanda,³ b. Jan. 5, 1850; d. Dec. 5, 1865.
- vii. Obadiah,³ b. Nov. 17, 1851; d. Nov. 17, 1865.
- viii. Harvey,³ b. Sept. 1852; res. in Wis.
- ix. Nelson,³ b. Jan. 4, 1856; killed on the R. R. at Ricker's Mills, Feb. 6, 1879.

DANIEL,² (Daniel,¹) b. Cornish, Me., Dec. 21, 1807; farmer in Ryegate n. of Blue Mountain. He m. June 28, 1833, by Rev. Wm. Pringle, Jennette, dau. Alexander Cochran (b. Sept. 5, 1809; d. in R. Aug. 11, 1898.) He d. in R. Dec. 15, 1885; lived a few years in Northumberland, N. H.

Children all b. in R.

- 3 i. Mary Ann,³ b. April 1, 1834.
- ii. Caroline F.,³ b. Dec. 25, 1836; d. Jan. 31, 1891; m. George Lance of Cabot. No children.
- 4 iii. Alexander C.,³ b. Dec. 2, 1838.
- iv. Carlos A.,³ b. May 30, 1842; d. March 9, 1887.
- v. Nelson,³ b. Oct. 15, 1844; d. Feb. 9, 1846.
- vi. Susan J.,³ b. Dec. 18, 1846; m. James R. McLam, q. v.
- vii. Elizabeth, b. July 16, 1849; d. March 5, 1850.
- viii. Carlile,³ b. Dec. 6, 1852; d. Dec. 25, 1869.
- ix. Robert N.,³ b. July 2, 1855; farmer at Lunenburg, Vt. He m. 1st, Margaret A., dau. David Whitehill (b. Groton, April 3, 1855; d. at R. Jan. 20, 1903.) 2d, May 11, 1909 at Bradford, Vt., Minnie E. Long of L. Ch. by 1st m. Elizabeth J.,⁴ Nelson A.⁴

- 3 MARY ANN,³ (Daniel,² Daniel,¹) b. April 1, 1834; m. Geo. A. Davis and res. at Maiden Rock, Wis. [He served one year in the Union Army (1863-64) in the 20th Wis. and again at the very close of the war.] She united with the Ref. Pres. ch. in R. 1851; members with their dau. of the R. P. ch. at Ono, Wis.

Children:

- i. Elizabeth J.,⁴ b. March 27, 1855; m. March 11, 1876, Parmer Smith of Ono, Wis. Ch. (1) N. Carlyle.⁵ (2) Geo. Porter,⁵ who m. Kate Thomas [p. 541] and Harvey G.⁵
- ii. Harvey F.,⁴ b. May 21, 1862; m. July 4, 1885, Lizzie Martin of Ono. Ch. Ray,⁵ (dea.) Ralph,⁵ George,⁵ Florence,⁵ Alice.⁵
- 4 ALEXANDER C.,³ (Daniel,² Daniel,¹) b. Dec. 2, 1838; went to Boston 1859, in bus. there till 1886; merchant at East Topsham with J. R. McLam and alone till 1907; rem. to Bradford 1898, and d. there Nov. 12, 1912; bur. at Topsham. He m. Jan. 10, 1870, Maria Gibbins of Boston.

Children:

- i. George Byron (adopted).

WRIGHT.

This family is descended from that Capt. Benjamin Wright whose journal is given on p. 3, and who was very prominent in the frontier history of the Connecticut valley. A more complete account of him may be

found in the histories of Greenfield, Deerfield, Hatfield, and Northampton which are in the library at Newbury. His father and grandfather were named Samuel, and one of his sons was named Remembrance. Two daughters of the last named married two brothers Richard and Moses Chamberlin, who settled in Newbury, and are ancestors of nearly all the Chamberlin families in this part of the country. "Wright," and "Remembrance," are very common given names among the Chamberlin and kindred families in this vicinity, and all derived from this Remembrance Wright.

ER CHAMBERLIN, son of Richard, the first settler at Wells River; m. as 2d wife, his cousin Mercy Wright. Her brother Benjamin¹ came from Northfield, Mass., in 1788, bought the farm long owned by Geo. W. White, and m. July 1, 1790, Abigail, dau. Josiah Page (b. Newbury, July 18, 1774; d. March 20, 1860.) Mr. Miller says that Benjamin Wright was a man very highly esteemed. He d. March 11, 1802, aged 50, and his widow soon after m. Hugh Johnson, q. v., reared a 2d family of chil. and lived some 58 yrs. after her first husband's death, surviving her 2d husband about 10 years. He is believed to have been a member of the Associate ch. and his vote is recorded against extending the call to Rev. Wm. Gibson.

Children, dates of birth of some not known.

- i. Hannah,² m. Aug. 1811, Dudley, s. of Er Chamberlin. They lived and d. in Bethlehem, N. H. Some of their dau's m. Carters and Gowings of B.
- ii. Abigail,² m. Foxwell Whitcher; d. in Groton, Jan. 28, 1885, aged 44 yrs., 1 mo. 3 d.; bur. at Ryegate Corner.
- iii. Reuben,² while working in John McLure's brickyard with Ezra Gates the bank caved in upon him and broke his leg badly. He was carried to Dea. Brock's at Boltonville where his leg was taken off, but he d. in about a week, a fine young man.

1 v. Walter S.,² b. Oct. 1794.

2 vi. William,² b. Feb. 14, 1799.

1 WALTER S.,² (Benjamin,¹) b. Oct. 1794; spent most of his life in R. where he d. Feb. 5, 1875. He m. Martha Elizabeth, dau. John Taylor (b. Nov. 24, 1794.

Children:

- i. Benjamin,³ b. 1821; d. 1825.
- ii. Reuben,³ b. 1823; went west.
- iii. Walter,³ b. 1825; m. Polly Whitcher. He was scalded to death in Ira White's paper mill at Wells River, ab. 1850, and his widow m. 2d, Nov. 15, 1855, Andrew Brock of Newbury.
- iv. William T.,³ b. 1827; lived in Lisbon, N. H.
- v. Charles C.,³ b. 1829; worked in paper mill at Well River and Bradford; m. a dau. of Joseph Martin whose wife was a dau. of Hugh Johnson. 12 chil.
- vi. Frank S.,³ b. 1832; shoemaker at Woodsville; m. a Miss Campbell. Left this vicinity many years ago.
- vii. James W.,³ b. 1835.
- viii. Eliza A.,³ b. Oct. 3, 1837; m. 1854, George Cameron who d. 1859. 2d, Jan. 9, 1860 Sanderson. 3d, May 13, 1880, Edwin O. Spencer. No further record.

2 WILLIAM,² (Benjamin,¹) b. Feb. 14, 1799. Lived one summer when about 14 in the family of Rev. Wm. Gibson. Employed on the river several years, a hard life where heavy drinking was universal and acquired habits against which he struggled all his life, partially reforming several times. In the revival of 1875 he was converted, joined the Methodist church in Groton and in 1880 the U. P. church in Ryegate, of which his wife had been a member more than 60 yrs. He m. April 3, 1834, Elizabeth, dau. Dea. Andrew Brock, and widow of Joel Nutter (b. June 16, 1797.) He d. Sept. 2, 1881. Their old age was made happy and comfortable by their son.

Children all born in Ryegate.

- 3 i. Waterman W.,³ b. March 21, 1835.
- ii. Janet McPhee,³ b. April 17, 1837.
- iii. Hermoni,³ b. Nov. 19, 1841; d. Dec. 11, 1869; m. Wm. Somers of Barnet.
- 3 WATERMAN WELLS,³ (William,² Benjamin,¹) b. March 21, 1835; com. sch. education very limited. Went to Boston at the age of 17, found employment in the teaming business, in which he showed such capacity that he was admitted to the firm he started with, of which by hard work and business ability, he became the head, employing a large number of men and teams. As early as his means permitted he bought a small farm for his parents about 1858, to which he added from time to time, improving the buildings and cultivation until he had one of the best farms in town, with a herd of registered stock. This farm includes most of the "town spot," and "common land" of the early settlers, and is now owned by Wm. T. McLam and called Fairview. He was deeply interested in the welfare of Ryegate, and when the Ryegate and Wells River Dairymen's Association was formed was one of its first members and officers, and was ever ready to assist with advice and money. Through him the Ryegate public library was started. He brought Rev. Dr. R. R. Meredith of Boston to Ryegate to deliver a lecture, the entire proceeds of which, placed in the hands of a committee was the first contribution for what is now the Ryegate Free Library. In all his enterprises he was loyally supported by his wife whose ability, kindness and ready intelligence created a wide and increasing circle of friends and associates. Mr. Wright was of a retiring nature and never held public office, although urged to do so. Member of Masonic order being a Knight Templar, and of the I. O. O. F., having served the latter body as its presiding officer. He m. Aug. 7, 1860, Brittann, dau. William T. Whitelaw (b. R. Jan. 10, 1838.) Mr. Wright d. in Boston, Dec. 1888; bur. at Ryegate Corner.

Children:

- i. Jessie Elizabeth,⁴ b. Ryegate, May 9, 1861; m. in Boston, Jan. 11, 1883, William Sylvester Streeter (b. E. Burke, Vt., July 3, 1855. son of Wm. R., and Caroline C. [Hall] Streeter. Res. Minneapolis. Minn., banker.
- ii. Fred Allen,⁴ b. Boston, Nov. 30, 1865. In business in Boston.
- iii. Arthur Morrill,⁴ b. Boston, Sept. 2, 1867. In business in Boston.

WRIGHT.

DAVID,¹ b. in parish of Glamis, Forfarshire, son of Alexander and Agnes [Crichton] Wright, Scotland, Jan. 30, 1812; enlisted in the British army in 1828 in the 77th Highlanders; served six years; ordered with his regiment to Quebec, where his parents were living, and m there Jan. 26, 1836, Margaret Sullivan, b. Limerick, Ireland, Feb. 27, 1818. They came to Peacham, thence to Ryegate, where he carried on the tailor's trade (which he had learned of his father) about 30 years. He was a skillful workman, and did a good business, his specialty being a dress suit, consisting of a black broadcloth coat and pantaloons, with satin vest. He was a great reader, and had a large fund of anecdotes and reminiscences, and was a man of very cheerful temperament. They united with the Ref. Pres. ch. at So. R., under the ministry of Rev. Robert Hill. In his 50th year the old soldier enlisted in the 6th Vt. Vols. in Sept. 1861, and remained with the regiment till Nov. 1863. A discharge from the army, at the solicitation of his wife, and in consideration of having three sons in the army, reached him just before the battle of Mine Run, but he refused to retire went through unhurt and returned home. He again enlisted in 1864, into the 3d Vt., and continued with it through the Wilderness campaign. During the battle he was made nearly blind by inflammation, yet continued with the regiment to Cold Harbor, where he became detached from the

force and wandered three days and was nearly starved. When brought in by a New York soldier he was in such a state that his comrades did not know him. He was sent to the hospital at Brattleboro for treatment; discharged Aug. 1865, but never recovered his sight or health, and d. at Ryegate, Aug. 27, 1869, after great suffering which he bore with resignation; bur. at Ryegate Corner. During his service he took part in 36 battles without receiving a wound, but suffered much from painful operations upon his eyes. His bravery and patriotism deserve a fuller biography. She d. June 17, 1888. Six married daughters followed her remains to the grave. David and Margaret Wright had 13 chil. 25 gr. children and 26 gt. gr. children, but none of their descendants live in Ryegate.

Children:

- i. Jane M.,² b. Oct. 13, 1837; m. David Esden, q. v.
- ii. Eliza,² b. April 26, 1839; m. Robert Esden, q. v.
- iii. David S.,² b. April 6, 1841. Went to Boston, teamster for Wright & Hall; enlisted in the 35th Mass., serving three yrs; ret. in broken health; went to Chilicothe, O., engineer on B. and O. R. R. During the last year of his life a great sufferer from disease contracted in the war. He m. in Boston Jane, dau. Wm. Warden, b. Ryegate. He d. Chilicothe, O., Oct. 4, 1880. One dau. grad. Oberlin Coll; teacher.
- iv. James,² b. Nov. 8, 1842. Began life for himself at the age of ten yrs. Lost the sight of one eye as the result of accident. Enlisted in Co. D, 1st Vt. Cav., 1861; after the battle of Gettysburg was made orderly to Gen. Russell, 3d Brigade, 3d Division, and carried his brigade flag when on the march; for bravery at the battle of Rappahanock Station he rec'd a furlough of 30 days; was with him in the Mine Run campaign, 1864; went back to his regiment and was made color-bearer. On one occasion when separated from his regiment a rebel surgeon tried to capture the colors, but Wright not only kept the colors, but captured the surgeon's case of surgical instruments, which he still retains. Went to Ohio, 1865; fireman, and later engineer on the Marietta and Cincinnati R. R. Went to the Central Pacific R. R., 1873; engineer there 10 yrs., running special trains between Ogden and San Francisco, among others the train which carried Gen. Grant on his trip around the world; and that which carried Pres. Hayes and others. He was considered the best engineer on the road, making some phenomenal runs and never hurt or killed a passenger or train man. Ret. from service 1883; farmer at Sidney, Iowa. He m. 1868, Melissa Druse of Belpre, Ohio. No ch.
- v. Henry C.,² b. Aug. 9, 1844; enlisted in the 6th Vt. Vols.; served two and one half yrs. Killed at the battle of the Wilderness.
- vi. George H.,² b. Aug. 19, 1846. Teamster in Boston; shipped as a sailor, not heard from for three yrs.; left the ship in New Zealand, with a friend and had a narrow escape from death; embarked on a whaler; ice bound on the coast of Greenland, and the crew spent a winter among the Esquimaux Indians. At home one year; fireman and engineer on a R. R. in Ohio; went to San Francisco; became clerk in a mercantile house and on the death of his employer m. his widow; collector of Internal Revenue at San Francisco during Cleveland's administration; contractor of army supplies during the Cuban war. At the time of the earthquake at San Francisco their home was destroyed by fire. Now (1908) engaged in mining.
- vii. John,² b. Aug. 11, 1848; d. March 10, 1854.
- viii. Mary Anna,² b. June 20, 1851; m. John Lamb. 6 ch. She d. April 15, 1891.
- ix. Robert Hill,² b. Dec. 22, 1852; fireman on railroad; injured in an accident near Athens, Ohio, 1874; d. 8 hours after.
- x. Ellen,² b. Oct. 29, 1855; m. Dec. 16, 1885, Owen Somers; res. Peacham, d. Calgary, Alb., Dec. 1911; bur. at Peacham. Ch. (1) Florence,³ (Mrs. Milo Kinney.) (2) Carl.³ (3) James.³

- xi. Laura,² b. Oct. 19, 1858; m. in Concord, N. H., Brackett Ferrin; res. Spokane, Wash. Ch. Marguerite.³
- xii. Albert,² b. June 9, 1860; farmer on Jefferson Hill, Newbury; road commissioner (1912). He m. Jan. 27, 1886. by Rev. D. McKinley, Jennie R. dau. Robert Nelson. Ch. Benjamin Harrison,³ b. Oct. 6, 1888; farmer with his father; m. Aug. 16, 1911, Bertha May Daniels of Wat-
erford (b. July 3, 1886.)
- xiii. Margaret,² b. March 11, 1862; m. Winfield Emery; res. Boston. Ch. Owen,³ and Presley,³ (Emery.)

APPENDIX

Blair, p. 289. For "Agnes, dau. Alexander Nelson," read "Agnes, dau. William Nelson, 2d."⁵ In line 21, for "She d. suddenly," read, "He d. suddenly, etc." She is living.

Buchanan, p. 299, line 16. For "Mabel" read "Isabel."

Brown, p. 298. Received too late for its proper place.

JAMES,⁴ (Robert,³ Stafford,² Robert,¹) b. R. Dec. 13, 1824, in a log house on land now owned by Geo. Brown. Carpenter. He m. Dec. 23, 1853, Chastina, dau. Timothy and Olive [Paul] Morrison of Groton.

Children:

- i. Silas W.,⁵ b. Nov. 19, 1854; d. Feb. 27, 1863.
- ii. George M.,⁵ b. May 11, 1857; d. Sept. 7, 1863.
- iii. Olive M.,⁵ b. May 22, 1859; d. March 15, 1863.
- iv. Minnie C.,⁵ b. Feb. 19, 1864; m. Leander P. Southard; lives in Me.
- v. Cora L.,⁵ b. July 23, 1866; d. Nov. 9, 1870.
- vi. Morris R.,⁵ b. July 6, 1868; m. April 23, 1893, Lois M., dau. John McColl (b. Nov. 13, 1872; d. Aug. 24, 1893.)
- 1 vii. Willis J.,⁵ b. July 6, 1868. (Twin to Morris.)
- viii. Harry T.,⁵ b. March 24, 1874; m. June 8, 1898, Lillian Belle Renfrew of Groton. No chil.
Two others d. in infancy.
- 1 WILLIS J.,⁵ (James,⁴ Robert,³ Stafford,² Robert,¹) b. Ryegate, July 6, 1868. In meat bus. at So. R. He m. May 5, 1892, Julia E., dau. Newton E. and Roxanna [Vance] Darling.

Children:

- i. Burton L.,⁶ b. April 3, 1894.
- ii. Clarence J.,⁶ b. June 13, 1896.
- iii. Josephine E.,⁶ b. Dec. 13, 1898.
- iv. Robert M.,⁶ b. June 24, 1900.
- v. Newton D.,⁶ b. Jan. 8, 1904.
- vi. Theresa I.,⁶ b. Sept. 1, 1909.

Cemeteries, "Old Scotch," p. 166. To those buried here should be added the name, Jean [Taylor] w. of Jonathan Gates who d. 1803.

College Graduates, p. 163. The names of Theresa E. Morrison, Univ. of Minn., 1902, should be added. Mr. Miller had given her birthplace as Barret. Since this list was printed several natives of the town have completed a college course.

Erskine, Rev. Dr., p. 105. His discourse before the Synod of Fife was delivered in 1727 instead of 1737. On p. 106, line 12, the word "after" should be "before" 1782.

Dunn, p. 333. Received too late for its proper place.

Children of James R.,³ (James,² John,¹)

- i. Rhoney M.,⁴ b. May 25, 1866; m. June 14, 1903, Susie Purdon of Missouri. Ch. (1) Ruth Eliza,⁵ b. Jan. 7, 1907. (2 and 3) Almus J.,⁵ and Alta E.,⁵ b. March 21, 1910.
- ii. Eliza M.,⁴ b. July 4, 1870. Res. Groton.

- iii. William J.,⁴ b. Oct. 19, 1873; m. July 2, 1900, Arvilla M. Page of Groton. Ch. (1) Mary E.,⁵ b. Aug. 8, 1902. (2) Alice A.,⁵ b. July 5, 1904. (3) Carlos M.,⁵ b. May 15, 1906. (4) Annabelle,⁵ b. Sept. 10, 1908.
- iv. Alice Elizabeth,⁴ m. June 1, 1905, Erwin M. Clough of Groton. Ch. Elizabeth May, b. May 13, 1909.
- Gemmell, p. 43. Robert Gemmell and son [Hugh] from Douglass, arrived in Ryegate, Oct. 8, 1773, and took up land, but soon left the place. Hugh Gemmell served in the revolutionary war from Bath, and in 1819 wrote Gen. Whitelaw from Damascus, Broome Co., N. Y., where he had been living some years.
- Gibson, p. 357. For "Mabel Jane, dau. Pringle Gibson," read "Isabel Jane."
- Gray, p. 370. For "George Matt," read "George Mott." For "Harry Matt b. April 8, 1892" read "Harry Mott, b. April 8, 1883."
- Harvey, p. 397. For "Cloud, m. Elizabeth, dau. John Harvey of Topsham," read "m. Parnel Strobbridge of Peacham." It was Cloud Harvey of a later generation who m. Elizabeth Harvey. See p. 380.
- P. 380. Maria [Harvey] Renfrew d. 1909.
- Henderson, p. 385 (additional.) Wm. J. Henderson enlisted 1864 in Co. F, 6th Reg. 2d Brig. State Militia; elected captain Dec. 31, 1864; prom. major, June 14, 1865.
- Johnson, p. 398. Mrs. John S. Johnson d. Feb. 10, 1883. Sally M. Johnson d. 1859.
- Hazen Road, p. 78. On the 16th of August, 1912, as part of the exercises commemorating the 150th anniversary of the settlement of Newbury, a granite monument bearing a bronze tablet to mark the spot where the Hazen Road began at Wells River, was dedicated with appropriate services. The inscription is as follows:

BAYLEY-HAZEN ROAD

AT THIS POINT BEGAN THE SO-CALLED HAZEN ROAD, RUNNING NORTHERLY 54 MILES TO HAZEN'S NOTCH IN WESTFIELD. RECOMMENDED TO GENERAL WASHINGTON BY GENERAL JACOB BAYLEY. BUILT BY GENERAL BAYLEY AS FAR AS CABOT IN 1776. COMPLETED BY GENERAL MOSES HAZEN IN 1779. NOW RE-CHRISTENED. ERECTED BY THE TOWN, AUGUST, 1912.

- Lind, p. 576. Lind, E. G., b. Germany, 1828; tinsmith by trade, and in successful business in N. Y. State; came to So. R., ab. 1878, continuing in same business. Some investments which he made were much depressed in value, but afterward recovered. He invested in land and built seven cottages on Pleasant St. in one season. He m. Eunice T., dau. Hiram Wood (b. R. May 25, 1844; d. 1907.) They had no chil. but adopted a nephew of Mrs. Lind's who d. in his 20th year. The bell on the 1st Pres. ch. of which they were members, was given by them in his memory. Soon after his wife's death his house was burned. He rebuilt the shop and worked in it till his d. Sept. 1, 1909, in his 83d year. Scarcely a dollar of his wealth went where he had intended. Bur. at So. R. in a lot enclosed with granite curbing in which he erected a fine monument, but the money he set apart for the care of the lot has never been paid. Mr. L. was a gentleman of the old school.
- Lytle. Received too late for its proper place.
- Rev. John, pastor of United Presbyterian ch. at So. Ryegate. Was b. at Maghera, Co. Derry, Ireland, Jan. 8, 1872. His parents were John Lytle, b. at that place 1829, d. there 1903, and Mary Jane [Workman] b. Garragh, Co. Derry, 1848; d. Maghera, 1904; they were m. in 1868. Four ch. of whom John came to Am., 1889; grad. Westminster Coll. 1904; Pittsburg Theo. Sem. 1907; ord. and inst. June 21, 1907 by the Delaware Presbytery over the U. P. ch. at Kort-

wright, Delaware Co., N. Y.; res. Dec. 11, 1910; began pastorate at So. Ryegate, Dec. 18, 1910. He m. March 19, 1909, Mary Jane Hazlett (b. E. Meredith, N. Y., April 18, 1883; grad. Wellesley Coll., 1908.) Ch. Nathalia, b. Aug. 7, 1912.

McKeen, p. 229. It seems that this statement is an error. Dr. McKeen was an Anti-mason, and the Masons would not hear him preach. All this was forgotten a few years later.

Miller, p. 443. In record of Edward S.,³ read (3) Carmen Edith,⁴ b. May 5, 1907 instead of March 5. (4) Elmon Sumner Gordon,⁴ instead of Elmer.

Milligan, p. 449. Rev. James S. T. Milligan, D.D., d. at Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 12, 1912, and was bur. at Denison, Kan. Miss Anna A. Milligan, president of the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian church, is his daughter. In the records of the Milligan family as given by different members, there are slight differences. In the Ryegate records the date of Rev. J. C. K. Milligan's birth is given as Jan. 1, 1829, but by his son Feb. 1, of the same year. Annie M., dau. of Rev. A. M. Milligan m. John R. Gragg of Pittsburgh instead of David Gregg. The Milligan family was one of the most remarkable families that ever originated in Vermont.

Mill-stones, p. 77. The mill-stones whose journey from Haverhill to Peacham brought calamity on so many, were used for about 40 years in a grist-mill near Col. Elkins which was kept by a man named Craig. They now lie beside a blacksmith shop in Peacham, and were used for many years in setting tires.—[W. H. Lynds.

Moore, p. 454. By Mrs. H. D. Moore. Received too late for its proper place.

5 JOHN ATKINSON,³ (Samuel A.,² Nathaniel,¹) b. Jan. 13, 1847. In clothing business at St. Johnsbury. He m. Aug. 10, 1870, Katherine, dau. Hiram Hill. He d. at Asheville, N. C., Feb. 19, 1898; bur. at St. J.

Children:

i. John Hiram,⁴ b. May 4, 1872; res. Riverside, Cal. He m. 1st, June 10, 1893, Edith Hovey, who d. Jan. 20, 1907. 2d, Edith Brooks of Fairlee, Vt. Chil. by 1st m. (1) John Harry,⁵ b. Sept. 6, 1894. (2) Lillias Ella,⁶ b. May 17, 1897; d. April 2, 1898. (3) Robert Hovey,⁵ b. Jan. 6, 1907.

ii. Lillias Ida,⁴ b. June 24, 1874. d. Dec. 10, 1888.

iii. Samuel Atkinson,⁴ b. Sept. 22, 1876; clothing dealer at St. Johnsbury; m. Sept. 12, 1907, Charlotte Kenney. No chil.

iv. Marion Florence,⁴ b. June 20, 1879; m. Dec. 11, 1906, Willis Byron Fitch; res. St. Johnsbury, Vt. Ch. (1) Perry Moore,⁵ [Fitch] b. Oct. 24, 1907. (2) Katherine Moore,⁵ b. May 24, 1909. (3) Marion Moore,⁵ b. Oct. 4, 1911.

v. Hartwell Dean,⁴ b. April 21, 1882; m. Oct. 20, 1909, Leila Carr; res. St. Johnsbury.

vi. Andrew Buchanan,⁴ b. Aug. 30, 1885; res. Grand Rapids, Mich.

vii. Frederick Olmstead,⁴ b. Sept. 24, 1888; res. Baltimore, Md.

viii. Joseph Hill,⁴ b. Jan. 4, 1891; res. Waterville, Maine.

Nelson, p. 465. (This record is as given by Mr. Miller, but corrected by W. S. Nelson.)

To the record of William Curtis⁴ Nelson add: Ch. (1) Austin P.,⁵ lived in Ill., and d. there Feb. 20, 1881, one week after marriage. (2) Lucy,⁵ b. July 1862; m. Rev. Simeon Hussey, a Baptist minister. In 1890 they lived at Litchfield, Ill. 3 ch.

The name (viii. Lucy Moore⁴) p. 467, should not be there.

18 Nelson, Dr. Wm. G.,² p. 469, 470. This proof was not returned in season to correct the record, Add: Mrs. Nelson d. at Cambridge, N. Y., 1860. Her dau. Mary Eliza (not Ellen) d. at Cambridge, 1905.

31 Nelson, Dr. J. R., p. 475. For Delmit dispensary, line 13, read Dewitt, For Diphthalmogist in line 14 should read Ophthalmogist. A word in

line 13 is a misprint. Dr. Nelson and Lillias A. Moore were m. April 22, 1874.

Old Militia, p. 220. The "Regimental Orders" for 1790 call for a muster of Col. Wallace's regiment on the parade ground at Newbury, Sept. 30. This ground was the field east of F. E. Kimball's at the south end of the village. Col. Harvey's regiment was to muster Oct. 1, "on the parade ground in Barnet." Where was the parade ground in Barnet? It would seem by the above that the militia of Caledonia Co. had been made into a separate regiment between 1785 and 1790.

Old Houses, p. 236. The oldest house in this part of New England is understood to be the one on the "Little Oxbow," in Haverhill, where M. A. Meader lives, formerly the "Swasey farm." It was built in 1769 or 1770 by Col. John Hazen, and has been little altered. It is on the meadow s. w. of No. Haverhill and opposite the "Great Oxbow" in Newbury.

Road through Barnet from the Harvey tract to the river, p. 143. After this volume was nearly all printed, the original bills for this road came to light and an abstract is given here for their preservation. Samuel Stevens of Barnet, Frye Bayley and Levi Sylvester of Newbury were the committee to locate the road which seems to have been done about 1785. These men were paid six shillings a day for their service, Gen. Whitelaw receiving 12 shillings per day for surveying it, his chainmen receiving five shillings. The road was built at an average cost of £15, 10/ per mile.

Ryegate in the Civil War, p. 267. The list there given was prepared with the assistance of several members of the Grand Army post at Wells River. But the records show that several of these were born elsewhere. It would be impossible for obvious reasons, to give a complete list. The following names at least should be added: Cowles, Edward, Surgeon; Goodwin, Charles R., 20th Mass.; Morrill, Alfred, 44th Wis.; Nelson, Archibald D., 15th Vt., Scott, Samuel W., 8th Vt.

Schools, p. 162. Mr. Gilfiillan wishes the names inserted of those who were admitted to the primary dept. of the So. Ryegate school in 1908: Marguerite Crowe, Alice Metcalf, Mary Green, Columbia Rosa, Americo Rosa, Marion Grierson, Lissel Steward. George Fisk, Winifred Skinner, Elmer Pratt, and Lusino Lamhon had been in school a little and were placed in the same grade.

Stuart, p. 533. Spooner's Vt. Journal for May 30, 1825, in an obituary notice of James Stuart, b. at Barnet in 1797, a son of that Col. James Stuart, who was drowned with Dr. Stuart in 1805, states that Claudius Stuart, who settled in Barnet was a soldier under Prince Charles Stuart in the rebellion of 1745, and fought at the battles of Falkirk and Culoden. This James Stuart, his grandson, was educated at Vt. Univ., but grad. at Yale College in 1818, became principal of Peacham Academy, was a fine scholar and contributed to the scientific publications of his time. He d. at St. Johnsbury May 10, 1825.

Tyron, p. 11. For "William Tyron" read William Tryon.

United Pres. Ch., So. Ryegate, p. 132. On July 29, 1912, at a legally called meeting of the pew owners of the Old Church (U. P.) it was decided by a vote of 30 to 1 to raise the church and finish the basement for vestry purposes. A building committee was elected viz., Robt. Farquharson, F. J. Doe, R. H. Gates, Mrs. C. H. Grant, Mrs. Lee Brock and Miss Josephine Gibson. James Lowe did the work by contract, all but finishing the basement which was done by F. J. Tewksbury. The audience room was refinished in steel, a new furnace, electric lights and running water was installed at an expense of upwards of \$3000. The first service held after these changes was on Nov. 24.

Vance, p. 544. The date of birth of Marjorie E. Vance should read Aug. 19, 1912.

Webster, p. 551. [Correction received just before these pages went to press.] (1) Stephen B.,² b. March 12, 1812, and was m. Jan. 7, 1835 instead of Nov. 12.

Witherspoon, p. 12. Prof. V. L. Collins of Princeton Univ., the latest biographer of Pres. Witherspoon, says that Dr. W. could not have been in London in 1792, as he was then an invalid. The deed was probably executed by his attorney. The widow of Dr. Witherspoon married Rev. Samuel Smith, D.D., who succeeded him as president of the college. Letters from Dr. Smith about Ryegate and Newbury lands are among the Whitelaw papers. There is a very curious deed on record at Newbury (Land Records, Vol. I, pp. 78-87,) by which Rev. John Witherspoon, D.D., President of the College of New Jersey, being then in London, conveys on June 13, 1784, to John Pagan, late of Greenock, but then of London, two-thirds of a tract of 1250 acres in Newbury. The deed covers six folio pages, and is very minute, with constant repetition of legal phrases, and is witnessed by Charlton Palmer and Charlton Pollock. Then follows an affidavit by James Whitelaw and Alexander Harvey, made the year previous before Jacob Kent of Newbury, to the intent that they were familiar with the lands in question which were as described. Then comes an affidavit from Charlton Pollock of Philpot Lane, London, "clerk to Charlton Palmer, Attorney at Law, that they were present and did see the Rev. Dr. Witherspoon, etc. sign, seal, duly Execute and Deliver the Indentures of Lease and Release hereunto Annexed." This was sworn to at the Guildhall, London, June 15, 1784, before the Lord Mayor. And now the Lord Mayor of London takes his turn and makes affidavit that on the day aforesaid, Charlton Pollock, "being a Person well known and worthy of good Credit and by Solemn Oath which he the said Deponent there took before me upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, solemnly and sincerely Declared, Testified and Deponed," to the truth of the matters contained in the affidavit. Last of all the Lord Mayor of London, affixes the Great Seal of the City to this document, and solemnly declares the truth and validity of "the Hereunto Annexed Lease and Release, which are conveyed by the said Acts and Affidavits. Dated in London, the 15th of June, One thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty and Four." This is the land mentioned on p. 12. There may be a similar deed on record at Ryegate. The record at Newbury was written in London and the sheets are bound into the 1st volume of land records. The hand writing is very elegant and as clear and distinct as if written only yesterday.

P. 39. For John Witherspoon read James.

Whitaker, p. 575. [This record was the last received for this volume.] Additions to the record of Emeline [Whitaker] Scott.

JOHN M. M. Scott and Emeline Whitaker,² were m. Jan. 28, 1840.

Of their children:

- i. Samuel W.,³ b. Oct. 2, 1840; member of Co. D, 8th Vt. Reg. in Civil war; drowned at Bath, N. H., July 15, 1866.
- ii. David,³ b. Dec. 2, 1841; member of Co. D, 8th Vt. Reg. in Civil war; d. at sea on transport Pioneer, Aug. 10, 1863.
- iii. Sarah E.,³ b. July 27, 1843; d. July 30, 1847.
- iv. Caroline,³ b. Sept. 11, 1845; m. at Eau Claire, Wis., Abram Bracketts. No. chil. She d. there, 1899.
- v. James P.,³ b. Oct. 10, 1847; res. Columbus, O. Foreman in carriage trimming and harness dept. Columbus Carriage Co. He m. June, 1870 at Stewartsville, Mo., Mary A. Howard. Ch. (1) Clyde,⁴ (2) Elsie,⁴
- vi. Nathan,³ b. Sept. 18, 1850; chief engineer and machinist at Mass. State Infirmary, Tewksbury, Mass. He m. at Boston, Dec. 31, 1871, Mary A. Roll. Ch. (1) David W.,⁴ [Scott] deceased. (2) Mary C.⁴ (3) Magdaline M.⁴ (4) Daniel J.,⁴ married. (5) John E.,⁴ deceased. (6)

James J.⁴ (7) Camilla E.⁴ (8) Samuel J.⁴ (9) Catherine,⁴ deceased.
(10) Nathan E.⁴

Nathan Whitaker,² d. at R. July 3, 1833.

Whitelaw, p. 572. Wm. T. Whitelaw,³ was not a member of the ch. at Wells River, but in his latter years of the First Cong. ch. at St. Louis.

Hamilton D.,⁵ son of Oscar L. Whitelaw, grad. at Princeton Univ.

Mrs. Robert Whitelaw was bur. at Griggsville, Ill.

Forsyth, Rev. William, p. 113. The title page of this pamphlet is as follows:

Sermon, Preached at Danville, Vt., Before the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Harmony Lodge at the Celebration of the Festival of St. John the Baptist, June 25, 1798. By William Forsyth, A. M. Printed at Peacham, Vt., By Farley & Goss, 1798.

Dedication. To the Worshipful Master Warden and Brethren of Harmony Lodge the following sermon is dedicated by their Most obedient humble Servant the Author. "Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy. Matt. v: 7."

In the *North Star* for Oct. 7, 1843, R. H. Wilmot of Groton "from the Photographic Institute," advertises that he takes daguerreotypes and will keep on hand a supply of apparatus and instruct pupils in the art. This must have been one of the earliest attempts at photography in this vicinity and a number of daguerreotypes taken by this Mr. Wilmot are in existence.

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